



# Newtown Primary School

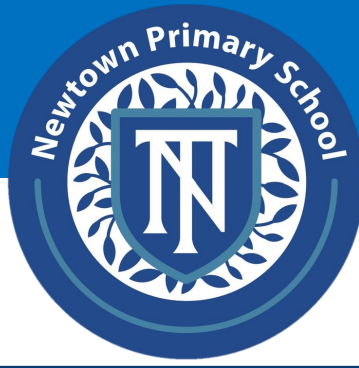
Achieving excellence together, through be-  
longing, community and aspiration.

*'The village school in the heart of the city.'*



School Prospectus 2023/24





## WELCOME

Welcome to Newtown Primary School. We are a small, friendly, community school in the centre of Exeter! Our vision of 'achieving excellence together, through belonging, community and aspiration' means that our welcoming and positive school is thriving with kind and dedicated staff, ensuring that all children are inspired to be the best version of themselves. We consider ourselves to be a village school in the heart of the city.

Our curriculum was designed to inspire and intrigue pupils through a wide range of opportunities and experiences. Our aim is to nurture a lifelong thirst for learning. We also believe our school community should develop an understanding of the wider world, their community and how they will make a positive difference as children, adolescents and adults.

We are committed to striving for excellence in everything that we do. We look to provide the very best foundation for the growth and development of your children. The progress of every child is immensely important to us all, and we hope that our work as teachers and leaders will enable them to develop to their fullest potential.



The information in this prospectus is intended to give you an insight into the life and general organisation of our school.

For further details please visit our website: [www.newtownprimaryexeter.org](http://www.newtownprimaryexeter.org)

You can also contact the school by emailing: [admin.newtown@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:admin.newtown@acexcellence.co.uk)

or by telephoning: 01392 255540



"I like that we get to play with our friends. I feel safe at lunch and break because there are always people around us. "

**Weronika**

"I like the fact that we don't have to be perfect at everything and we are allowed to be ourselves. "

**Nathalia**

"If you come to our school, your child will have the best time."

**Isabelle**



I like maths because it is fun and I feel like I have the chance to be challenged to allow me to progress.

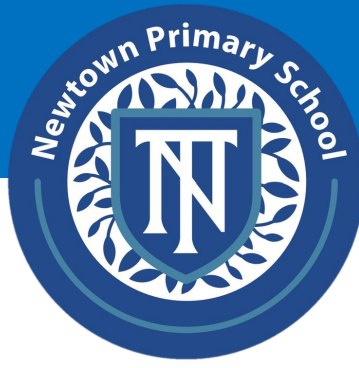
**Lyra**

"I love working at Newtown. We are a family unit and we are constantly supported. No question is too big or too small."

**Miss Pells**

"I like school because our staff. They listen to us, help us and push us to be the best person we can be. "

**Kacper**

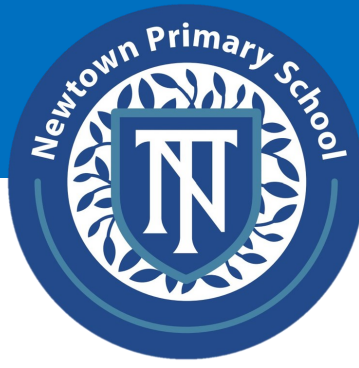


## Meet The Staff

Miss Kim Wills	Head Teacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Mrs Jo Kingscott	Class Teacher, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Katy Rushby	SENDCo
Miss Alice Pells	Class Teacher
Mrs Vicky Darious	Class Teacher
Mrs Laura Flower	Class Teacher
Mr Kevin Brennan	Class Teacher
Mrs Aisha Lowrey	Class Teacher
Ms Kerry Bailey	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Ms Tory Sinclair	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mrs Karen Wright	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Rebecca Jawneh	One to One Teaching Assistant

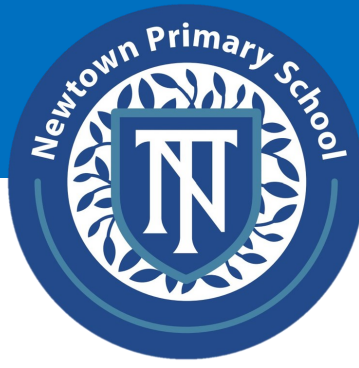
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Ms Katie Andrews	One to One Teaching Assistant
Mrs Laura Maynard	School Administrator
Mrs Hayley Hillier	School Administrator
Mrs Sasha Griffin	Teaching Assistant (Friday), Meal Time Assistant
Miss Kirsty Morgan	Meal Time Assistant
Mrs Claire Coyle	Meal Time Assistant
Mrs Sue Aldridge	Meal Time Assistant



## Admissions

### ADMISSIONS

We are a six class school, with a PAN (Pupil Admission Number) of 30 per year group. If you are considering applying for a place at Newtown Primary School, we would be delighted to speak to you about all aspects of our school. We truly believe that the best way to get to know our school is through a personalised tour. Please contact the school office to arrange a time ([admin.newtown@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:admin.newtown@acexcellence.co.uk) or tel: [01392 255540](tel:01392255540))

All parents who wish to express a preference for a place at Newtown Primary School must do so using the Devon Local Authority Common Application Form (D-CAF1). This is available online as part of the [Step by Step primary admissions booklet](#), copies of which are available by calling the My Devon team on 0345 155 1019.

All applications, for September, need to have been made between the November and January before. The Local Authority co-ordinates admissions for all primary schools in Devon, and will write to you (or email if you applied online) in April to advise of the school place you have been allocated for your child.

If you wish your child to be admitted to Newtown Primary School other than at the first intake to Reception you will need to follow the guidance on the Devon County Council Education and Families webpage.



## General Information

### COMMUNICATION



ClassDojo is used across the school as a key means of communication. The ClassDojo App allows teachers to communicate directly with parents—sharing learning, celebrating successes and communicating day-to-day information. Parents and teachers are also able to communicate through a private messaging function on the app. When your child starts at the school you will be given a help sheet and unique code to sign up to ClassDojo.

Schoolgateway



School Gateway is used as another means of communication across the school. It can be used to book clubs, pay for school lunches, pay and give permission for school trips and can also be used to send messages to and from the school.



## General Information

### OUR SCHOOL DAY

8.45am	Gates open
8.55am	Registration (official start time)
9.10am	Registration closes
10:45 - 11:00	Playtime
12.00pm - 13.15pm	YR and Y1 lunchtime
12.15pm - 13.15pm	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 lunchtime
15.25pm	End of the day

Y1 and Y2 pupils are dropped off at the playground gate and will be welcomed by a member of staff. The class teachers are available for parents to talk to before registration starts at 8.55am. The pupils in all KS2 classes go straight to their classrooms when they arrive at school. There are morning tasks set up for the children to complete on their arrival.





## School Uniform

It is our policy that children wear school uniform when attending our school. Our uniform is designed to be smart and practical. We have ensured that the majority of our uniform is widely available at retailers such as supermarkets so as to avoid unnecessary expense.

### **Stitch2 Print**

Any items with a logo are available for purchase from Stitch2Print on the following link [Stitch2Print](#). Stitch2Print are also able to add initials to some products, and if provided with a blue jumper they can add the logo, please contact them for further information. Stitch2Print will deliver uniform to your home or you can collect from their shop. They will also hold regular pop-up shops at Newtown, so you are able to try on uniform.

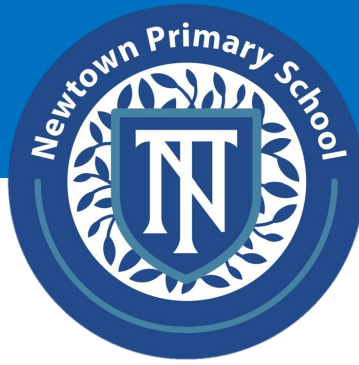
### **Thomas Moore**

You are also able to purchase logoed uniform from Thomas Moore in Exeter - 102/104 Fore St, Exeter EX4 3JB.

### **School uniform is:**

- Royal blue Newtown sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece **with logo**
- White polo shirt (no logo required)
- Black or grey trousers, skirts or shorts
- Royal blue check dress (summer only)
- White or black socks (or tights)
- Sensible shoes with an enclosed toe and plenty of support. Shoes must be either black or navy.
- Newtown book bags, bags, hats and beanies are available (Stitch2Print can initial these)





## School Uniform Cont...

### PE Kit

- Children need a clearly named PE bag for storing their t-shirt, shorts and trainers.
- Black shorts
- White t-shirt (a logoed white t-shirt is available from Stitch2Print and can be initialled at no extra cost)
- Trainers or plimsolls are needed for outdoor PE (a change of footwear from the school shoe). It is safest for children to work in bare feet when indoors and using apparatus . Pupils should **NOT** wear astro-turf trainers at any time.
- Black tracksuits can be worn for outdoor PE in the winter

### Hair / Cosmetics

We expect hair that is longer than shoulder length to be tied back at all times (boys and girls). Hair should be of a natural colour. Hair accessories must be plain, simple and suitable for all PE lessons. Hair should not have lines or patterns shaved into it. No make-up or nail varnish to be worn.

### Jewellery

Jewellery is not part of our school uniform. Only one plain stud earring is allowed in each ear. No other body piercing will be acceptable. Please ensure that any studs are removed or protected / covered with micro-pore tape when taking part in any PE activity. We expect parents to provide the tape . Jewellery which is worn for religious observance must be agreed with the Headteacher. We cannot accept any responsibility for lost or broken precious items if they find their way into school.





## Our Vision and Values

Our aim is to care for every child in a secure, friendly environment.

Every child's spiritual, emotional, social and physical growth lies at the heart of our school.

We aim to guide every child towards a successful future based on secure academic skills, knowledge and self-belief and to inspire every child through creative and challenging experiences that promote curiosity, problem solving, teamwork and independence. We celebrate the achievements and abilities of every child.

We have five character gateways and 5 character values that support us in everything that we do. These are gateways into our learning and they support our children in becoming exceptional learners and young people as they leave Newtown.

### Vision

Achieving excellence together, through community, belonging and aspiration.

### Values

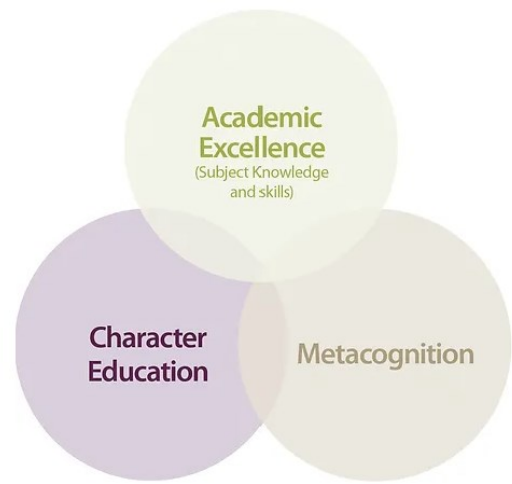
Citizenship	Leadership	Flourishing	Expression	Explorers
 Character Values We are <b>Compassionate</b>	 Character Values We are <b>determined</b>	 Character Values We are <b>responsible</b>	 Character Values We are <b>honest</b>	 Character Values We are <b>aspirational</b>
				



## Our Curriculum

At the heart of our curriculum lie three core values: pursuit of academic excellence; the explicit development of metacognition; and crucially, character education.

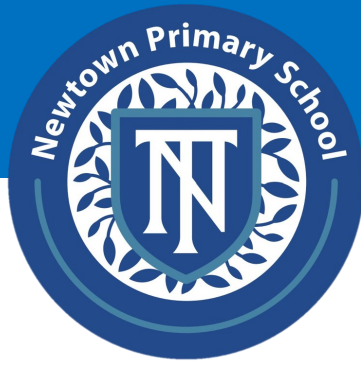
**Academic Excellence** is fundamental within our curriculum model. The children's acquisition of a deep body of knowledge within subject disciplines, will enable them to express their learning to the highest standard. When children achieve excellence, this gives them the confidence to challenge themselves further. Through this process of experiencing success, they will develop character, for example grit, determination, self-efficacy and courage.



**Character Education** Whilst academic success remains a core priority, developing character is also an essential element of our curriculum model. Our curriculum gives children opportunities to make a positive impact on society. We want them to grasp the possibilities and opportunities of life beyond the classroom, to enable them to thrive at each and every challenge they face in life and make a difference to themselves and those around them.

**Metacognition** Our curriculum not only focuses on achieving character whilst pursuing academic excellence, but also emphasises deep learning through developing the skills of metacognition. We use an enquiry approach to drive our learning experiences, making the reflective learning process explicit. In addition to this, tools for thinking will be taught to support children's higher order thinking, synthesis of knowledge and creating of new thinking. However, metacognition can only be developed within a knowledge-rich curriculum.

For more information, see the curriculum pages on our website.



## Positive Behaviour

*"Why crush behaviours with punishment when you can grow them with love? Visible consistency with visible kindness allows exceptional behaviour to flourish."  
Paul Dix, 'When The Adults Change, Everything Changes', 2017*

Our five golden rules to securing excellent behaviour and relationships at Newtown.

**We are compassionate**

**We are determined**

**We are aspirational**

**We are honest**

**We are responsible**

Our five golden rules help us to be the very best version of ourselves.

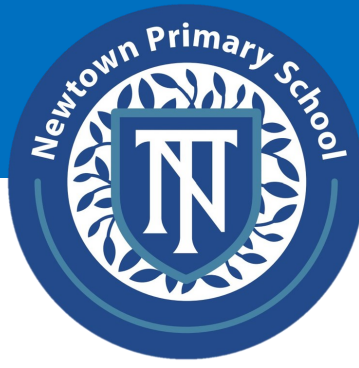
### **Awards and Rewards**

- Each week the class teacher awards one pupil in their class the '**Star of The Week**' certificate. This is presented in our whole school celebration assembly.
- Each week a secret member of staff is chosen, they decide over the week who has shown the best Newtown character. They will then nominate a '**Character Champion**' who will receive a certificate in the schools celebration assembly.
- Pupils are awarded **house points** for excellent behaviour, hard work and helpfulness around school. We have four house teams:

**Sandford**, **Portland**, **Belmont** and **Clifton**

At the end of each half term the winning house has an extra playtime.





# Inclusion and Special Educational Needs

Newtown Primary School's Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo) is Mrs Katy Rushby.

Our SEND policy is available on the school website or from the school office.

We plan and deliver a curriculum that all children in a class can access. Sometimes, however, a child may find learning very difficult and if this is the case we consult with parents to plan the best way forward. The school's SEN co-ordinator (SENDCo) may decide to carry out screening and assessment procedures. Specific targets are written for each term and these are shared with the child and reviewed at the end of each term. Other professionals, such as educational psychologists, learning support teachers, speech therapists or the behaviour support team may also be involved.

Early identification of need can often avoid difficulties later on.

If you have concerns about your child's needs these can be discussed with the class teacher or SENDCo.



## SAFEGUARDING

Our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available to download from the school's website.

On occasions we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare.

We will always ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with their parents/carers first, unless we believe that this is not in the child's best interest.

If you have concerns regarding the safety and well-being of pupils at Newtown Primary School please do not hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, if you have serious safeguarding concerns about a child or young person you can contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071 (or out of hours 0845 60000 388). If you believe that a child is at risk of immediate harm please phone 999.



**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Miss Kim Wills, Headteacher

**Deputy Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs Jo Kingscott



## Breaktime & Lunchtimes



### Breaktimes

Children have a supervised morning break on either the KS1 or KS2 playground. Toys are generally discouraged as they can get lost or broken which can cause problems.

The children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 get free fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. The older children may bring fruit to eat during the mid-morning break. Please no biscuits, crisps or sweets. We expect the children to have a water bottle in the classroom which they drink from during the day. We ask that the bottle goes home daily to be washed.

### Lunchtimes

School Dinners are provided by DevonNorse and cost £2.50; these can be ordered daily. Orders are placed by the school with DevonNorse by 9.30am, therefore any cancellations of meals after this time will be charged.

During registration pupils are asked their meal choice for that day – either option 1 which is the main meal, option 2 which is the vegetarian option, a jacket potato with filling or packed lunch (brought from home). Spare menus are available on ClassDojo from the school office.

If children have packed lunches, the containers must be named. Please do not send glass containers.



## Free School Meals

### Free School Meals (FSM)

Under the Government 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme, children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a hot meal free of charge. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school regardless of which year they are in, as this can help their child's school to attract additional [pupil premium](#) funding to support learning.

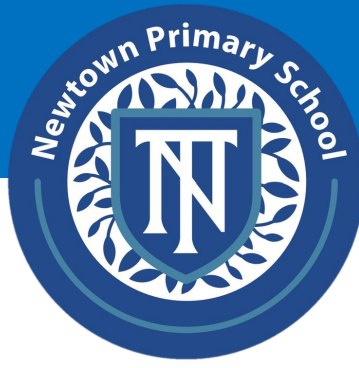
Children in Years 3 - 6 are required to pay for meals unless parents are in receipt of a means tested benefit and have registered for free school meals. A 'meal' is a main meal with vegetables, a dessert and a drink.

#### How to apply

The quickest and easiest way to apply for free school meals is through the Devon County Council Portal Citizen Portal.

The person making the application should be the person who holds parental responsibility for the child that they are applying for. This will result in an instant decision direct to your phone, tablet or computer. A print out of the result or screen shot confirming eligibility should be shown to the School Office allowing free meals to commence straight away.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 to request a paper copy of the application



## School Clubs

### **Breakfast Club**

7:45am – 8:45am - Maximum Capacity – 10 children  
£3.50 per child, per session.

All sessions will be held in the community room.

Please access breakfast club through the school office. There is a wraparound care bell to indicate your arrival to staff. Parents/Carers are asked not to enter the building.

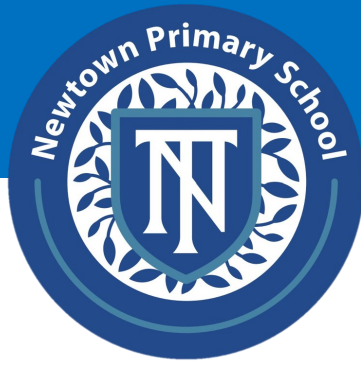
### **After School Club**

3.25pm – 5.45pm - Maximum Capacity – 10 children  
£8.00 per child, per session.

All sessions will be held in the community room.

Collection will be through the school office. There is a wraparound care bell to indicate your arrival to staff. Parents/Carers are asked not to enter the building.





## Community

Friends of Newtown School (**FONS**) is led by an enthusiastic group of parents who work incredibly hard to support the school and provide additional experiences and opportunities for the children. They arrange various fundraising activities over the school year: cakes sales, discos, fayres, parties, bingo etc. The money raised from these events is used to subsidise the cost of school trips, purchase playground equipment, develop the school environment, provide curriculum enrichment opportunities (e.g. theatre groups or visitors) and purchase gifts for Year 6 leavers.

If you are interested in helping then please email: [fonsnewtown@gmail.com](mailto:fonsnewtown@gmail.com). Alternatively, ask in the school office and we can introduce you to parents who take the lead with FONS.

## GOVERNORS

Our Governors work extremely hard to make a real difference to Newtown Primary School. They are an enthusiastic and committed group of people who all lead very busy lives, yet they still find time to attend meetings on a purely voluntary basis, to help improve the education for all of the pupils.

### **Jill Mather - Chair of Governors for Newtown**

*"I have known the school since the 1980's when my children attended what was then Newtown First School. We chose Newtown because it was a small community school and our children thrived in its friendly atmosphere. I have enjoyed getting to know the school again as a Governor, and more recently as Chair, and I will be working hard to ensure your children also have a happy and successful time here.*

*I live locally and have had a life-long interest in education, having taught English in state secondary schools for nearly 40 years. I am also a member of St James' Church in Exeter and enjoy allotment gardening, long-distance walking and being with our five grandchildren."*





## Our Environment

The school is spread over four separate buildings with three playgrounds, a sports court and garden. We feel very lucky to have such fantastic and unique spaces to enrich our curriculum, stimulate our learning and allow for fun at playtimes.





## Contact Us

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