



**Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust**

...everyone in our Trust.



Principal: Mr A Hill

Trust Leader: Mr D. Morrow

Bridestowe Community Primary School



'With respect and ambition, we flourish together'

Prospectus 2022-2023

Introduction

As a small, rural Primary, Bridestowe prides itself on its warm and welcoming atmosphere and its strong connections with the local community.

Our school is part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (DMAT) which includes 14 local primary schools and 3 secondaries. Within the DMAT, we are part of the Moorland Hub including Boasley Cross Primary School, Exbourne C of E Primary School, Highampton Primary School, Lydford Primary School and Northlew Primary School. The Moorland Hub has provided many additional opportunities for our schools to support and work together. As a result, we have been able to offer a range of enrichment activities, often combining our pupils for experiences, such as Theatre trips and residential trips to outdoor adventure centres and to Bristol.

Bridestowe has provided education for the local community for over 160 years. The original Trust Deed establishing the school in 1862 by the Church of England, recognised the importance of learning long before the main Education Act of 1870.

We sincerely hope your child will enjoy the time they spend at Bridestowe and within our DMAT Family. All staff endeavour to support pupils to be the best they can possibly be. Learning is a partnership, and we aim, from our first meeting, to establish good communication between home and school to make sure pupils achieve their full potential.

Our School has the highest expectations of each child, and we encourage our pupils to achieve academically and to become active contributors to society. Learning is a lifelong process and we aim to place sound foundations for all our pupils to gain success in their future lives.

As a competitive school, competition is actively promoted, and all pupils are supported to participate in a range of festivals and tournaments. At Bridestowe, we aim to create a safe and secure environment in which everyone, regardless of background, colour, religion or disability is valued and supported.



Our Vision

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Bridestowe Primary School Values

- **Democracy** – We can influence School and society through the democratic process.
- **Self-Responsibility** – We take responsibility for our actions.
- **Openness and Honesty** – We are honest about what we do and the way we do it. Nobody is perfect; we will not hide it when we are not.
- **Social Responsibility** – We encourage people to take responsibility for their own community and work together to improve it.
- **Caring for Others** – We care for all members of our learning community and actively support those who experience difficulties, or who are upset.
- **The Rule of Law** – We know the difference between right and wrong: We respect civil and criminal law.
- **Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect** – We respect other people in school and in the wider society. We oppose prejudice and discrimination.
- **Tolerance of Others who have Different Faiths and Beliefs** – We promote tolerance and harmony between people of different cultures, traditions and faith.



School Staff

Trust Leader

Mr Dan Morrow

Principal

Adam Hill

Designated Safeguarding Officer

Teachers

Mrs Sarah Reid

Y5/6 Class Teacher

Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Alison Sharland / Mrs Emma Harris

Y3/4 Class Teacher

Mrs Amy Lammas

Y1/2 Class Teacher

Ms Lisa Baker / Mrs Maggie Sherring

EYFS Class Teacher

Mr Steve Williams

Special Education Needs Co-ordinator

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Nina Butler

Teaching Assistant and Art & Design Teacher

Mrs Beth Houghton

Teaching Assistant and Art & Design Teacher

Mrs Briony Down

Mrs Tracy Davies

Miss Imogen Spooncer

Ms Rachel Dewsbery

Administrator

Mrs Hazel Lowden

Kitchen Manager

Mrs Hazel Berry

Bridestowe School Aims

- Make learning fun
- Value individual contribution and achievement
- Develop confident independent learners
- Encourage excellence
- Place high emphasis on literacy and numeracy and provide the skills required to earn a living and be economically productive
- Provide a balanced and enriched curriculum
- Use assessment of children's progress to plan appropriate activities to stimulate further learning
- Encourage aesthetic, spiritual, moral and social development
- Develop self-discipline and positive attitude to good behaviour
- Promote a safe and healthy lifestyle
- Teach children to value and respect self and others
- Be central to the local community and deepen understanding of the world
- Work in partnership with parents
- Give pupils a voice



How do we care for our pupils?

Our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This includes ensuring all pupils are guided in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural values. We recognise the multi-cultural nature of the United Kingdom and understand the crucial role our school plays in promoting these. Lesson and assembly planning for subjects such as Religious Education, taking part in school trips, community and sporting events, and having very active school councils are just some of the things Bridestowe School does to promote these values.



Admissions

Children who will be aged 4 between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 will attend school full time from September 2023. We encourage new children to attend afternoon sessions during the summer term. These visits help your child to settle more easily when they start full time. They are able to get used to the new routines of school, meet and get to know the other children and staff, and develop their independence in the setting.



If you would like your children to attend Bridestowe School, please apply online to Devon County Council via their website

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>.



Attendance

It is essential that the school is notified as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent or arrive late.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. You must apply for permission in advance and if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and this may make you liable to a fine.

School Times

Morning: 9.00am – 12.15pm

Afternoon: 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Whilst we require all children to be in school in good time, for legal and insurance reasons we cannot be responsible for the children before 8.50am.

Curriculum

The curriculum content at Bridestowe School follows the requirements of the National Curriculum. Curriculum policies and long and medium term planning are available for English, Mathematics, Science, Design & Technology, Computing, History, Geography, Music, Art, P.E., R.E. and PSHE. Our curriculum is engaging, thought provoking and gives the children a solid foundation of knowledge. Areas of study are broad and balanced and allow children to follow their interests whilst meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum 2014.

An example timetable:




Bridestowe Primary School		Tawny Owls		Year 1 and 2		Amy Lammass, Beth Houghton, Tracy Davies			Summer 2022						
	08.50-09.00	09.00-09.10	09.15-09.40	09.40-10.30	10.30-10.45	10.45-11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-12.15	12.15-13.15	13.15-13.25	13.25-14.15	14.15-15.00	15.00-15.05	15.05-15.15	
Monday	Register PSHE	Funfit intervention	Phonics	English	Break time	Grammar and handwriting	Maths	Class reader	Lunch break	Assembly	Art	Art	Fine motor skills intervention	Class reader	
Tuesday	Register Times tables						PE			Maths		PSHE			
Wednesday	Register Vocabulary						History								
Thursday	Register PSHE						Science			RE					
Friday	Register Wake and shake						Assembly			PE	Computing				

Homework

Homework supports the school curriculum in a number of ways. All pupils should take their reading books home daily and parents are asked to ensure that their child spends time reading with them. Research and other core tasks may be given to support the school topics.

Off Site Activities

The school organises a range of offsite activities to supplement and extend the curriculum and may ask for voluntary contributions to help fund them. The older children will have opportunities such as a trip to a large city, and to experience a residential 'outdoor adventure' trip.

Breaktime

All of our children have breaktime together on the playground in the mid-morning. Year 6 children are trained as play leaders and facilitate games and resources for the other children. The mixture of ages allows a strong sense of school family. Children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free piece of fruit at breaktimes. Free milk is also provided for those children under 5.

Lunchtime

Lunch is a communal meal for all our children. School meals are available every day and are freshly cooked in our on-site kitchen. There is always a choice of meal including a vegetarian option, baked potato or sandwich. The kitchen staff are allergen aware and are happy to provide allergy information on request. All children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals.

If you prefer to send your child with a packed lunch please be aware that we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies amongst our children.

After School Clubs

We offer a range of extra-curricular clubs including; Cookery, Mindfulness, Debating, Music, Multi-Skills, Netball, Dance, Orienteering and Tag Rugby throughout the year.

PE and Sport

All of our children get to take part in a variety of activities and sports throughout the academic year, some of which are led by either teaching staff or others by outside coaches. We employ a PE lead teacher within the Moorland Hub who ensures quality-first sport, and annually the whole school takes part in swimming lessons.

We attend a number of events, hosted by neighbouring primaries, such as Cross Country, Multi-skills, Orienteering, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Football and Netball.



Forest School

All of our children participate in Forest School activities with Dartmoor Ranger Rob Taylor. This universal offer to our children allows outdoor exploration, connection with nature, mindfulness and learning opportunities.

Safeguarding

All staff and volunteers at Bridestowe Primary School are committed to safeguarding. Staff attend regular safeguarding training and work hard to maintain a safe and secure environment for the children to be in. Volunteers who come into school and assist with driving to events, have all had full DBS checks.

If you would like more information regarding our Safeguarding Policy, please speak to our Principal, Mr Adam Hill, who is our designated member of staff for Child Protection.

Friends of Bridestowe School

FoBS is a group of parents and carers who fundraise and volunteer to support the school with extra-curricular activities. FoBS have regularly supported school trips and visits, donated hoodies to Year 6 leavers and planned and facilitated many school events.

Uniform

All children at Bridestowe Primary School are required to wear uniform. This builds a sense of community and belonging to our school. The expectation is that a pullover/cardigan, shirt and tie are worn together for most of the year. From Summer half term (May) to Autumn half term (October), an open-neck short sleeve white shirt/blouse with no tie or pullover would be appropriate in warmer weather as an alternative.

Transfer to Secondary School

The majority of our children transfer to Okehampton Community College at the age of eleven. Parents will receive detailed information from the Local Authority on this matter.

The Staff who teach Year 7 children visit us during the final year and the children also visit the College. This enables smooth transition from the primary to secondary phase of your child's education.

Visits from prospective parents

Mrs Lowden, our School Administrator, is always available to welcome visitors to our school. We consider ourselves to have a friendly, family-orientated environment for educating your child, so if you would like to make an appointment to come and see us, please contact the School Office on 01837 861361. Our office hours are 8.30am – 3.45pm Monday-Friday during term time.

