



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023-24

"We always try to be that little bit better..."

Kindness, Aspiration, Determination, Respect

*A message from the
headteacher*

WELCOME

My name is John Howe and I am really proud to be the Head Teacher of this fantastic school.

I work with an outstanding team of people who all have experience and expertise and above all, passion for what they do. We pride ourselves on our exceptional caring, inclusive and nurturing ethos, our children's amazing attitude and thirst for learning and our extremely happy and dedicated team.

We strive for high standards in learning, sport, the creative arts and much, much more. We are always proud to welcome others into our school whenever possible.

At SDPS we aim to provide a safe, supportive and challenging environment where everybody has the opportunity to reach their full potential as learners. We believe that this can only be achieved if a child feels happy and secure and our staff work hard to provide this environment for everyone.

Nurture, growth mindset and well-being are a priority because we believe that happy children and energised staff achieve the very best they can.

Each child is made welcome as an individual with his or her unique talents, abilities and personality.

We hope that every child will feel at home at Seaburn Dene and be determined to succeed in everything they do.

The support, and encouragement, of parents is essential to children's progress and development, so we look forward to your involvement and commitment in a partnership between the school and the home.

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*Working together to
build a future*



As a school we aim to:

Provide a purposeful environment where every child discovers their own potential and a love of learning.

Equip our pupils with the ability to acquire the skills they need for the rapidly evolving world in which they live.

Nurture bodies and minds so that our children are happy and safe with a real understanding of how to keep healthy - for life.

Build a community which makes connections with the wider community through the work we do, the problems we solve and the experiences, strengths and hopes we share.

Use science and technology to examine the past, make sense out of today and be part of the future.

As a team we strive to:

Promote excellence pushing the boundaries of achievement.

Work together learn from each other, share resources and ideas.

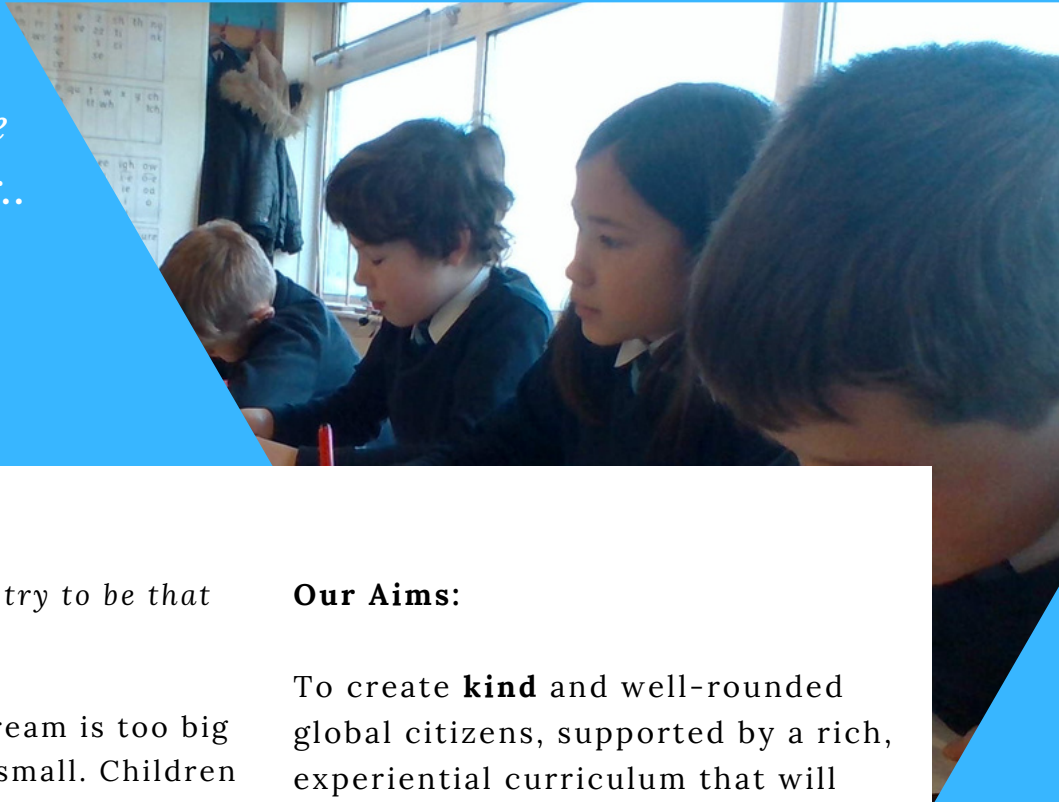
Value progress believing every child has an untapped potential

Hold high hopes and expectations develop a hunger for knowledge and improvement.

Help learners lay foundations of future success, raising the capability of all.



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Our Vision: *We always try to be that little bit better.*

At Seaburn Dene, no dream is too big and no dreamer is too small. Children at our school are encouraged to aim high and know that to achieve something extraordinary, your mindset needs to match your **aspirations**: through hard work and **determination**, anything is possible.

OUR ETHOS

Our warm, caring ethos is underpinned by our four core values.

We are proud to be a family-centered community with a strong culture of togetherness. Children are expected to show **respect** and **kindness** to one another. We celebrate good manners, honesty and a **determination** to work hard. We are committed to fostering an environment where children are happy, confident, independent and have the **aspiration** to be the very best they can be.

Our Aims:

To create **kind** and well-rounded global citizens, supported by a rich, experiential curriculum that will allow engagement in the highest quality learning activities.

The wider curriculum is valued and provides creativity and challenge alongside a rigorous approach to maths and English. Together these provide opportunities for children to fully explore their passions and develop their future **aspirations**.

To nurture a growth mindset and develop a culture of **determination**: We learn from our mistakes and have the resilience to bounce back when times are tough.

To have high expectations for all within our community and ensure that we demonstrate the very best standards of **respect** and integrity.

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Visiting the school

To help you in your choice of primary school please feel welcome to visit us. We are always happy to meet prospective parents but to make sure there is someone available, it is best to contact Mrs Baker on **0191 563 4100** or email:

admin@seaburndenprimary.co.uk or take a look at us on our website **www.seaburndenprimary.co.uk**

About the school

Seaburn Dene Primary is a maintained school for children age 3-11, with a 30-hours nursery provision on site and wrap around care, from 7.45am to 5.30pm.

Facilities and Environment

The school is surrounded by green space. It has a running track, football pitch, indoor gym, traversing wall, gardens, wildlife areas, outdoor gym.

The School Community

High quality staff are recruited to teach the curriculum. Rigorous safeguarding procedures are completed prior to any member of staff starting work at Seaburn Dene Primary School.

The Governing Body:

Our governors are representatives of the parents, school staff and the local community. They meet at least once each term and more frequently in small subcommittees. They have responsibility for overseeing the organisation, curriculum and budget of the school. The day-to-day running of the school is entrusted to the Headteacher and staff.

Friends of Seaburn Dene Primary School

We have an active parents' and friends' association, to which all parents are invited to join. The Friends organise social and fundraising events and holds regular meetings to plan forthcoming events and discuss current issues.



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Curriculum organisation

The New National Curriculum, first introduced in September 2015, requires that all children are taught English, Mathematics and Science as core subjects. There are also programmes of study for Art and Design, Design and Technology, Geography, History, Computing, Music, French and Physical Education, which includes swimming. Curriculum areas such as PE, RE, Art and Music are included within topic work where appropriate.

However, separate subject teaching is undertaken by each year group in the form of discrete planning, using the National Curriculum in order to ensure broad and balanced coverage. By doing this we feel that we can achieve both a rigorous approach and a balance between topics and separate subject teaching, supporting our philosophy of 'learning by doing' and not 'teaching by telling'.

Teachers use a range of contexts including individual, group or class approaches as appropriate to the activity

Specialist tuition

There is specialist tuition offered and made available in French, music and PE through our broad, curriculum timetable.



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Our Curriculum

Our curriculum focuses on three areas:

1. **Grow and Develop learning** (what we learn) ...To equip each child with the knowledge, skills, values and love of learning to prepare them for a life beyond Seaburn Dene.
2. **To develop the grit and resilience of our learners** (how we learn)...To develop perseverance and independence in our learners which will prepare them for the everyday challenges of life in the modern world.
3. **To develop our learners' understanding of their place in the community and wider world** (who we are)...To understand and respect themselves and others, develop social skills and understand life in a diverse society. To build a firm set of moral values and to engage in the culture they live in, while understanding the cultures and beliefs of others.

Extra-curricular

We believe in enhancing learning through many extra-curricular activities and clubs. From mindfulness to gymnastics.



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School Uniform

When children are in school they are part of a community and by wearing a simple school uniform we hope to promote a feeling of equality, partnership and belonging. All children are therefore required to wear school uniform, which should be clearly marked with their name. Children at Seaburn Dene Primary School are expected to wear school uniform.

Boys:

Grey tailored trousers or shorts (no jeans) Long/sleeved white shirt (tucked into trousers). Navy blue jumper. Black shoes - no trainers. Grey, black or navy socks
P.E. kit - plain black or navy shorts and white shirt, black plimsolls. Separate trainers for outside lessons. Navy/black tracksuit and fleece for outdoor lessons.

Girls:

Grey tailored trousers, pinafore dress or skirt (no leggings, jeans or joggers) Long/sleeved white shirt (tucked into trousers). Navy blue cardigan or jumper. Black flat shoes (not trainers). Grey or white socks or grey/navy/black plain tights. Blue checked dress (Summer). White sandals or socks (Summer).

P.E Kit - Plain black or navy shorts and white T-shirt, black plimsolls. Separate trainers for outside lessons. Navy/black tracksuit and fleece for outside lesson. Black swimsuit



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School Breakfast and Tea Club

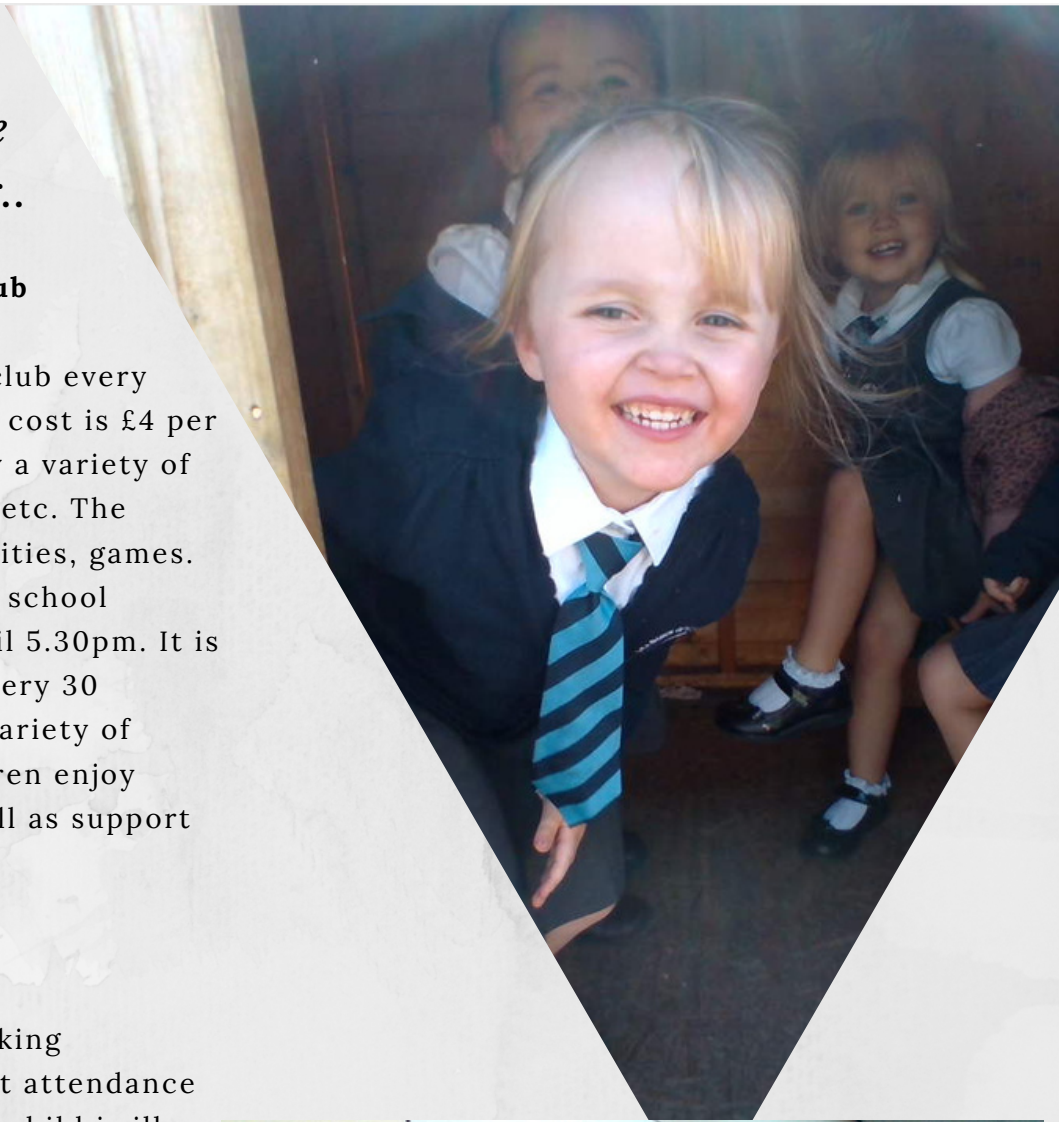
The school runs a breakfast club every school day, from 7.45am. The cost is £4 per child per session. Children enjoy a variety of foods including cereal, toast etc. The breakfast club has craft activities, games. Booking is available from the school reception. Tea Club runs until 5.30pm. It is £4 until 4.30pm and £2 for every 30 minutes thereafter. Again a variety of foods are available and children enjoy games, craft activities, as well as support with homework and reading.

Absences

At Seaburn Dene, we are working extremely hard to ensure that attendance is as high as possible. If your child is ill, absences must be reported on the first day that your child is away, either by telephone or in person before 9am - if possible. On return, the child needs to bring with them a note. Any appointments should be made out of school hours and where this is not possible must be backed up with an appointment card.

Holidays in Term Time

Governors at Seaburn Dene have adopted the Government's policy of not allowing holidays to be taken in term time. We hope this will have a fantastic effect on the levels of absence in school and a brilliant impact on the attainment of children over the coming years.



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Accessibility

The school has access for disabled children and facilities required will be provided for any child the local authority considers should be educated here.

The staff at our school make ever effort to ensure that all children have equal access to the full range of educational opportunities provided by the school.

Children with Special Needs

The Governors and staff recognise that all children have the right to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum. We aim to create a happy, educationally exciting and positive environment in which all pupils can develop to their full potential. We recognise that children are individuals and that each one has needs special to him or her and that some gifted children may also have special needs.



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Why did you choose our school?

"Seaburn Dene wasn't our first choice - but it couldn't have turned out any better. Lovely teachers, great facilities, our son has come on fantastically. The class sizes are fab so the kids get lots of attention. Fab school."

"Close to home and a lovely "village school" feel. Not too big."

"We chose the school on the recommendation of friends and the friendly staff and pupils have helped our daughter settle in."

"We think it is a great school. We admire the teaching staff for their skill, caring and patience."

"When we visited the school it appeared to have a lovely warm ethos and atmosphere."

"Great teachers, great school, great attitude towards quality education. Happy kids = happy parents."

"Great reputation."

OFSTED - April 2018:

You have created a culture of continuous improvement: you do all you can to support pupils to thrive.....pupils receive an education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and experiences to be well-rounded confident individuals.



SILVER AWARD



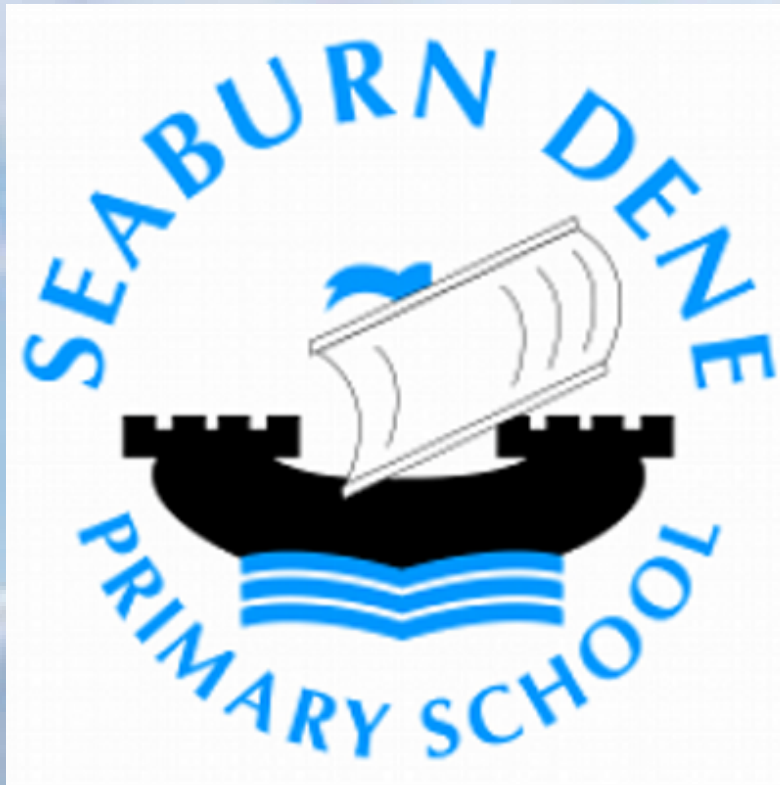
Our vision...

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1969-2019: 50 years



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