



Deanery C.E. Primary School
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School Information

Deanery C.E. Primary School is an oversubscribed two-form entry school with a 52 capacity nursery provision, situated in Walmley, Sutton Coldfield. The school achieved Academy status in 2011 and runs as a single academy trust. Deanery was initially set up to serve the families residing and worshipping in the (old) Deanery of Sutton Coldfield, comprising 14 churches in 11 parishes, and this continues to shape our admission criteria.

We are a Church of England school and have a distinctly Christian ethos. We believe that all we do is a faithful response to God's faithfulness, shown to us through Jesus Christ. In our school, we embody shared respect and compassion, where all children are valued and celebrated. Our faith and ethos permeate everything we do. Our vision is to reflect God's Glory in every season of life, in all aspects, from the little things, to the big.

- We believe that God's heart is for his children to thrive in a happy, secure and caring environment at the Deanery. It is an essential part of our Christian ethos that we thank God for how he has demonstrated peace, love, faith, joy, grace and hope to us. We seek to reflect these core values throughout all areas of life in the school.
- We believe that education, strengthened by our faith, is the vehicle with which children can achieve their full potential.
- Children thrive in our nurturing environment, enhanced by faith, enabling them to attain high standards academically, socially and emotionally.

We are proud of our children who are our greatest ambassadors, they are at the heart of our school, and contribute to our positive school ethos.

A particularly strong feature is our curriculum which provides a range of learning opportunities through a rich variety of experiences including; visits and trips, residential visits, invited visitors and guests, high levels of sporting engagement, peripatetic provision and Enrichment afternoons which raise the levels of enjoyment, contribute to higher levels of achievement and broaden children's horizons.

We also provide an outstanding before and after school care and extended services.

Children and parents tell us that at Deanery, children feel safe, happy and confident and are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education. This is the result of strong leadership by the head teacher and senior leadership team, supported by a highly skilled governing body, with a shared commitment in excellence for all.

Over time, the quality of teaching and learning is consistently good in every year group and is frequently outstanding. Teachers have high expectations of the children and enjoy excellent relationships with them, challenging learning and making it enjoyable.

Children are exceptionally well behaved and demonstrate outstanding attitudes to learning resulting in them achieving significantly higher than national expectations at the end of the Foundation Stage, in the year one phonics check, at the end of year 2 SATs over the last 4

years and children in year 6 also constantly achieve higher than national in all subjects. From the very high starting points in EYFS, children are carefully monitored to ensure they achieve their potential at the end of KS2.

The school comprises of 14 classrooms including a purpose build Early Years unit, and a nursery. There are two halls used for Collective Worship, gymnastics, school productions, as well as for school lunches in addition to a craft room, refurbished library and designated computer suite. The grounds at Deanery are particularly impressive and offer separate playgrounds and outside learning spaces for children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 along with an outside gym and a multi-use games area and 200m running track.

We provide our children with an excellent education and the best start to their academic journey, whilst at the same time focussing on enrichment opportunities which allow children to gain unrivalled experiences beyond the curriculum. This is shown through our innovative programme of enrichment, enabling children as leaders, personal development opportunities including the Junior Duke Award Scheme, and exciting visits and trips which enhance provision. We are rightly proud of recent awards for the school including, for example, the Gold Award for School Games mark.

Currently, 6.9% of our children are in receipt of pupil premium funding, 6.7% have SEND and 7.6% have English as an additional language.

Staffing Structure

The school leadership structure consists of a Head teacher, one Deputy Head teacher, Inclusion manager, three phase leaders, Reading leader, EYFS leader and ECT mentor.

Governing Body

The school has a very committed Governing Body who are dedicated to furthering the improvement of the school. The Governing Body consists of members of the Diocesan Board, Deanery Synod, PCC, St John's Incumbent, and HT, staff, parent and appointed governors.