

NORTHBOURNE **CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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School Prospectus

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VISION STATEMENT:

Our vision is to put God and Family at the heart of all we do. As a nurturing community, we use the parable of The Mustard Seed

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This guides the way we value and treat all members of our school community. Through our pastoral care and our rich curriculum experiences we provide a safe and dynamic learning environment in which all can flourish.

To grow in Faith, Love, Compassion, Kindness, Respect & Forgiveness

Our six Christian Values are at the heart of our vision. Every day we aspire to grow in **Faith, Love, Compassion, Kindness, Respect and Forgiveness**, so that our school family may experience the joy and hope of **"life in all its fullness"** (John: 10 v10)

Our values underpin our entire school curriculum.

Through our curriculum, we want to develop learners who are:

- Communicative
- Independent
- Collaborative
- Inquisitive
- Resilient
- Emotionally intelligent

As a Church of England school, we want to develop learners who are:

- Respectful
- Loving
- Faithful
- Compassionate
- Kind
- Forgiving

Staff List

Chair of Governors	Mrs Winslade
Headteacher	Mr Reynolds
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator	Mrs Morrison
Secretary	Mrs Berridge
Forest School Leader & Site Manager	Mr Chidwick
Teachers	Miss Bradley Miss Roberts Miss Bones Mr Martin Miss Cooper
French Teacher	Mrs Reynolds
Reading Teacher	Mrs Underwood
Sports Coach	Mr Whelan
Peripatetic Music	Mrs Gleave
Teaching Assistants	Miss Nikraz Miss Davies Miss Scott Mrs Atkinson Mrs Kent Mrs Smith Mrs Cavell Mr Whelan Mrs Whittingham Mrs Heath Miss Holden
Midday Supervisors	Miss Smart Mr Parkinson
Whole School Meals Kitchen Staff	Mrs Dower Mrs Fendt

The information supplied was correct at the time of its production. Changes in staff, and other factors, may alter the arrangements in the school before your child is admitted.

We will be happy to inform any prospective parent, on request, of anything which may have altered.

Northbourne – A rural, village school

Thank you for showing an interest in our popular and unique school. I hope that the contents of this prospectus will give you an outline of what Northbourne has to offer you and your family. We are always happy to welcome new families and to show them around, please do contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Northbourne is classified as a rural school. Whilst being only a short 5-minute drive from Deal and Sandwich, we enjoy a beautiful, rural setting, which is unique amongst the local Deal schools.

The school is situated outside of the village of Northbourne, amongst the open fields of the Northbourne estate. It was first opened in 1852 and has been steadily and sympathetically developed and improved throughout its 170-year history. Today we have a school that fully embraces its small, Victorian village school roots, whilst providing a modern and unique curriculum, where the rural environment plays a pivotal role in shaping our pupils.

Northbourne – A Church School

Northbourne is proud to be a Church of England Primary School. We currently have an Outstanding grading for our SIAMS Church inspection (2017) which reflects our strong Christian ethos and the links we have with our local churches.

St Augustine's church is located in the heart of Northbourne village and serves as our local church. Throughout the year, our pupils walk to the church for many services and celebrations, including Harvest Festival, Advent and Christmas services, Epiphany, Easter and Ascension services as well as our Year 6 Leavers service in the summer.

The local clergy form a pivotal part of our staff team, joining us in school each week to lead Collective Worship.

Northbourne has no requirement for its families to be attending church in order to apply for a school place. Our Admissions Criteria is open to all. We do however; ask that all of our families support us in promoting our Christian values of Respect, Love, Faith, Compassion, Kindness and Forgiveness.

Northbourne – A Founding Member of “DEALT” (Deal Education Alliance for Learning Trust)

At Northbourne, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community and family. We work closely alongside our local Deal primary schools. Northbourne CEP School is a founding Academy member of the Deal Education Alliance for Learning Trust (DEALT) which is a newly formed MAT (Multi Academy Trust) of eight local primary schools within Deal and the surrounding villages. This unique and exciting collaboration of local schools work together to ensure the very best outcomes for all pupils and their families within our town.

Northbourne – A Forest School

Forest School does not refer to a physical school building. Forest School is an approach to outdoor learning and living that we have embraced and embedded since 2012 at Northbourne.



Forest school is an inspiring process, a specialised approach to outdoor learning that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning in woodland environments. It is a perfect vehicle through which to embed our school values of being communicative, independent, collaborative, inquisitive, resilient and emotionally intelligent.

It is our aim for Forest School to play a central role in developing our pupils' learning behaviours and character. It nurtures and enriches essential real-life skills that equip our pupils for their learning today and for years to come.

Forest School has become widely used in a short space of time across the UK. Its roots lie in good Early Years work, Woodcraft Folk, Scouts & Guides, Scandinavian education and other approaches such as the Reggio Emilio approach to learning.

Pupils at Northbourne CEP School benefit from weekly, half-day Forest School and Outdoor Learning sessions. All Forest School sessions are led by our fully qualified Level 3 Forest School Practitioner and take place in our dedicated Forest School areas, which are set within the natural woodland that surrounds the school. We currently have over 2 acres of outdoor learning space that the children benefit from.



Forest School is based on the process of learning by doing. The Forest School ethos gives our children the opportunity to investigate and learn from different outside environments' with lessons taking place throughout all of our British seasons whatever the weather. This helps to develop our children's resilience, keeping them curious, enabling them to work in teams, yet be individually creative. It encourages them to look after their surrounding natural environment and gives them a greater sense of the world around them.

Children are also given the chance to look at a range of new skills, from growing and preparing vegetables and cooking on the 'campfire,' to making shelters and dens. Children also learn how to use a range of tools, starting with hand drills and hacksaws in Reception, all the way through to bow saws and whittling knives in Year 6.

If you feel that our Forest School provision is the right approach for your child, please do arrange to visit and see the environment and facilities for yourself.



Our Curriculum Offer

Our Curriculum is designed to foster learners who are Communicative, Independent, Collaborative, Inquisitive, Resilient and Emotionally Intelligent.

The curriculum at Northbourne Church of England Primary School uses the foundations of the National Curriculum in order to build an exciting and relevant curriculum for our pupils. Our pupils engage, each week, in a range of learning opportunities that embed the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in Mathematics, English, Science, PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), Computing, Art, Music, French, PE (Physical Education), History, Geography and Design and Technology.



In addition to the subjects specified in the National Curriculum, Northbourne also provides a rich Religious Education curriculum, supported by the Church of England.

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curriculum provision, with learning taking place outside throughout the year. This is particularly evident in our strong PE provision, led by our Sports Coach and our bespoke Forest School provision, led by our experienced Level 3 Forest School practitioner.

The curriculum is complemented throughout the year with the addition of theme days, visiting experts, local learning trips and journeys further afield, all in order to provide experiential learning opportunities to broaden our pupils' knowledge and skills.

Our admission number and class structure

At Northbourne we have a planned admission limit of just 20 pupils in each year group. With such a small intake number, we often become over-subscribed for places in our Reception class each September. However, we would warmly encourage parents to name us on their school admissions form whilst having a good understanding of the criteria for over-subscription in our Admissions Policy: <https://www.northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk/site/data/files/policies/CB80FB7DD48FE98A4A566588979F9864.pdf>

The school consists of five classes. This means we model a traditional small school structure of mixed age group classes. Unlike larger one and two form entry schools, that you would find in town, our pupils in Year 1 through to Year 6 work alongside a parallel year group:

- Reception = Willow class - all 20 reception pupils,
- Year 1 & 2 = Beech class – all 20 Y1 pupils and 10 Y2 pupils,
- Year 2 & 3 = Maple class – 10 Y2 pupils and all 20 Y3 pupils,
- Year 4 & 5 = Hazel class – all 20 Y4 pupils and 10 Y5 pupils,
- Year 5 & 6 = Oak class – 10 Y5 pupils and all 20 Y6 pupils.

Within each class, pupils follow their own year group curriculum expectations, whilst maximising the flexibility for broadening learning that mixed year group classes provide. Our classroom structure is not just about academic achievements, but also considers the pupils relationships with their peers, relationships with staff and their resilience to activities both in the classroom and outside in our Forest School environment.

Arranging a visit to Northbourne

We appreciate that choosing your child's school is a big decision and we would encourage you to visit as many schools as possible to find the correct setting for your child. At Northbourne we understand that the school has to be the right setting for both pupil and parent.

Thank you for taking the time to read this short summary of our school. There are many other aspects to life at Northbourne, which you will only see by visiting the school and joining us for a tour. Please do contact the school office to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,

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