COLLATON ST. MARY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and Flourishing in Our Christian Community

Welcome to Collaton St Mary!

This booklet has been written to help prepare you and your child for the exciting adventure of starting school. We aim to give you the information you need and answers some of the questions you may have.

As a school, we want to work in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential during their time at Collaton.

Our Mission Statement

'Achieving and Flourishing in our Christian Community'

We encourage our pupils to be the best version of themselves.

As a church of England school, we work together to fulfil our values:

- Aim High
- Be determined
- Inspire others
- Show Friendship

The Golden Thread—Take Responsbility

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General Information

The School Day

The school day starts at 8:50am and the class teacher will welcome your child into their classroom. The children will start their day with a morning activity and then the register is then called. Please ensure your child arrived at school in good time for the register.

If children arrive after 9:00am, they will need to go to the school office, where they will receive a late mark.

Home time is at 3:15pm. Children in Reception and KS1 need to be collected by an adult from the classroom. If someone new or different is collecting your child, can you please inform the class teacher in the morning.

Attendance

As a school we believe that every day counts, therefore it is very important that children attend school everyday so that they can make good progress in their learning.

If your child is unwell, please ring the school office that morning to inform us of the reason for absence. If your child is absent for a few days, please ring every morning to inform the school of their absence.

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School Uniform

The Governing Body places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a very valuable sign that children have pride in their membership of the school, in its new and modern surroundings, and in the team spirit it creates. It reflects our Christian ethos, a tradition we believe to be ever more important in swiftly changing times.

Boys Uniform	Girls Uniform
• Royal blue sweatshirt with school badge • Royal blue polo shirt with school badge • Grey trousers (grey shorts may be worn in the summer) • Grey socks • Black shoes • Boots/trainers/football shoes are not permitted • Hats to keep safe in the sun	• Royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan with school badge • Royal blue polo shirt with school badge • Grey trousers or skirt • (Girls may wear a grey pinafore dress with royal blue polo shirt) • White socks, grey tights • Black shoes with flat heels • Boots/trainers/sandals are not permitted • Summer option – girls can wear a pale blue and white check summer weight dress with a royal blue cardigan

Uniform may be purchased from the 'Riviera Schooldays' shop, 186 Union St, Torquay. Leaflets and prices are available from the school foyer.

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What can I do to prepare my child for school?

- Please support your child to be able to go to the toilet independently.
- Ensure they can put on their coat and shoes.
- Use gross motor movements daily—jumping, swinging arms, brushing the floor, running, using alternate feet on the stairs, throwing a ball.
- Encourage fine motor skills: using tweezers to pick up objects, threading beads, colouring, painting, using chalk, picking up small objects between their thumb and index finger.
- Take time to talk to your child and get involved in their play.
- Share books, songs and games.
- Help you child recognise common shapes, colours, numbers and letter sounds.
- Write your child's name and help them to recognise it.
- Introduce counting activities and songs.
- Provide opportunities for running, climbing and chasing.
- Let your child enjoy, listen for and invent sounds.
- Play I spy—segment a word c-a-t and you child can blend and work out the object you are talking about.

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