



## Information about Grange CE Primary School

Grange C of E Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school for children of 3 to 11 years. There are 141 full time children on roll in the main school, plus 21 in our popular nursery, where we cater for children aged 3+.

Grange over Sands is an attractive small town in South Cumbria. It is popular with tourists who often arrive by train to enjoy the promenade and gardens. The school is located on a hill above the town centre, and has beautiful views of Morecambe Bay.

There are extensive grounds which include a covered foundation stage play area, a wild area and garden, a lower field with large wooden play equipment and a large sports field.

The school building has been extended and developed over the years and we are always looking to improve our environment both inside and out. The school is a spacious building and comprises of 7 classrooms plus a purpose built Nursery room, hall/dining room, a newly extended and developing library, an ICT space on the first floor, staff room and office.

The school is one form entry and organised in single year groups in R, Y1, Y2 and Y3, with 3 KS2 classes vertically grouped into mixed Y4/5 and Y5/6. In an afternoon some nursery children access 30 hours free places and join our Reception class.

Staff are encouraged to support one another and share good practice. The nursery teacher and reception class share learning areas outdoor and it is important that the staff plan and coordinate with each other to ensure this is an organised and vibrant space. Teaching assistants support with specific children with SEND or groups of children who require booster support. In reception class there is full time TA support plus an apprentice TA in the afternoons. There are also many volunteers with particular skills who assist in school on a frequent basis.

The school is committed to teamwork and joint decision making by staff and governors. Governors take an active role in the monitoring and evaluation process and make regular visits to school, helping as volunteers in the classroom and at school events.

We have regular successes in sport, with a particular strength in gymnastics. Our pupils are encouraged to enter a variety of local competitions and to share their personal achievements with us in school. Music is an important part of the school that we continue to develop. The children enjoy being part of our choir which runs during the year and taking part in Young Voices and other musical festivals.

All staff are expected to take an active interest in, and care of, the education and welfare of all the pupils. The school gives a high priority to the spiritual, moral, personal and social and cultural development of every child. We are a Church Of England school and received an outstanding grade in our SIAMS in 2015. We work closely with our local church St Paul's and have strong links with other church groups, particularly the Methodist Church, achieving the Bishop's Church-School Award for our outstanding partnership work.

We are a KIDSAFE school and the safeguarding of our pupils always comes first. We ensure that our pupils are aware of e-safety and help them to be confident to report any

concerns to the adults in school and parents. Children in our school feel confident that they know how to keep safe. We always complete DBS and relevant checks before employing new staff.

The school plays an important role within the community and continually seeks to strengthen links through involvement with town groups, presenting our work to the wider audience through events such as Prom Art and The Edwardian Festival. Our School Council is a member of 'Rotakids' and Y5/6 pupils represent the school on the South Lakes Pupil Parliament.

We benefit from fundraising and social events organised by a very active Friends of Grange School (FroGS). Staff are encouraged to support their work for the school by helping at the events they organise each term.

We work closely with the other schools in the Cartmel Peninsula, organising joint training opportunities for staff and a variety of festivals for the children. We have recently been a part of a science project with a local leading company and this is the type of links we would like to continue. Grange CE School is also a member of SLRP –South Lakes Rural Partnership and the associated Teaching School.

We are continue to strengthen our links with other countries and secured two years of funding with our link school in Nepal from the British Council. We have been re-accredited with the International School Award for a second time. We are keen to be involved in further local and global partnerships and this continues to be a focus for our work next year as part of working towards achieving the full UN Rights Respecting School Award.

Our curriculum follows the National Curriculum but where possible this is delivered in a cross-curricular approach. We enrich our curriculum with many visits and experiences and aim to extend the children's basic skills by setting problem solving tasks. Where possible the children use global themes and the local environment as part of their learning.

Our last Ofsted inspection in March 2014 rated the school as good with behaviour and safety outstanding. See our website for the full report.

We are seeking a talented practitioner who can bring a range of skills to our team. The successful candidate will be an excellent teacher and an enthusiastic and resourceful team member who is willing to show initiative and the commitment to high standards for all.

The current vacancy is for a full time EYFS Reception teacher from April 2018. (Please note this class has nursery pupils joining it in the afternoon). The teacher will have responsibility for the early years across EYFS, helping to analyse data from nursery and reception class, identifying priorities for further development and sharing these with headteacher, EYFS staff and other colleagues. This is in place of a subject leader responsibility.

If you think you can meet our needs please apply.

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