

## School Description



Blue Coat School, founded in 1693, is a popular and successful Voluntary Aided school situated in the town of Wotton-under-Edge. Situated 10 minutes from the M5 and only a short drive from Stroud, Tetbury and Thornbury, our school is within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The school site is now 19 years old and is surrounded by the views the area is renowned for.

Our admissions number is 45 and we currently have 295 children on roll organised into ten classes comprising of:-

- 1 x Reception unit
- 1 x Year 1, 1 x Mixed Year 1 & 2 and 1 x Year 2 classes
- 1 x Year 3, 1 x Mixed Year 3 & 4 and 1 x Year 4 classes
- 1 x Year 5, 1 x Mixed Year 5 & 6 and 1 x Year 6 classes

Blue Coat Pre-School is situated on the school site and is run by a separate Management Trustee Committee and retains its excellent reputation as an Early Years provider.

The school leadership structure is in the form of our Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, two assistant Headteachers and our Business Manager. Following consultation with our stakeholders, we have developed an exciting vision for Blue Coat by focusing firmly on the future and how we best prepare our pupils for it. Underpinning this vision are four core Christian Values – all of which are firmly embedded and have significant impact on our whole school community, as recognized within the “Outstanding” SIAMS report (June 2014).

Our **2018/2019** school improvement priorities built upon the improvements made in 2017/18 so as to:

- Improve the Maths achievement of identified vulnerable learners through an explicit focus on improving their thinking processes when problem solving (leading to greater pupil ownership of learning).
- Continue to implement curriculum area improvement plans, with a particular focus on improving the quality of subject Assessment and tracking.
- Secure the school’s future sustainability through a review of current financial expenditure and potential income opportunities (ongoing).

The school was last fully inspected by Ofsted in June 2009 when it achieved an Outstanding Ofsted judgement. Since this time, it has undergone a series of deep and rigorous changes and this has resulted in upward pupil achievement trends, shared and improved leadership, greater Christian distinctiveness and a more strategic outlook of the school’s direction and future.

Blue Coat has a committed team of teaching and non-teaching staff who work together to provide the best possible education for our children. We currently have 16 class teachers and 16 teaching assistants who are supported by a dedicated team of administrative and support staff. Each class has a teaching assistant for the morning session and one TA is shared between each Key Stage for the afternoon.

As a Voluntary Aided school, Blue Coat has very close links with our local church. The children visit St Mary’s Church for a service at least once a term and representatives from the local churches lead acts of worship in school on a weekly basis as well as providing a range of other enrichment experiences.

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is very active, forward-thinking and supportive, organising several major fundraisers over the academic year which contribute towards funding the school’s improvement priorities. Families are extremely supportive of our school and involved in all aspects of school life.

The Governors work closely with the Headteacher and staff in evaluating and improving the education we offer and ensuring that we provide the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

***Blue Coat CE VA Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share the same commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. References will be required in support of candidates who are called for interview which must be from your current or last place of work.***