

PARENT HANDBOOK

THE QUAY AT ST GEORGE'S

WHERE POTENTIAL SETS SAIL



WELCOME!

Welcome to St George's Beneficial and The Quay.
We are delighted to welcome you.

We are a thriving mainstream primary school and specialist inclusion centre in the heart of Portsea, just a stone's throw from Gunwharf Quays. We provide exceptional teaching, excellent pastoral care and are incredibly proud of our relationship with the community. We offer a safe and secure environment in which every child is nurtured and encouraged to be ambitious and courageous in making choices to achieve their full potential. Our staff are experienced in providing both challenge and support to meet each child's individual needs.

The Quay is a beautiful inclusion space, designed with children in mind. It has two purpose built sensory spaces, its own hall and little library and four amazing classrooms. The staff in The Quay have experience in both mainstream and special settings and come with a wealth of knowledge. The Quay opens in September 2026 and will initially have spaces for 21 children selected through specialist panel and this space is set to grow over the following years.

We are delighted to share that we host pupils from over 30 countries, speaking more than 40 languages and with a broad range of religions and lifestyles in school; we want all pupils and staff to respect each other's differences and to celebrate the similarities.

We are proud to be at the core of our wider community as for many families, St George's is a generational pillar of the past and a beacon of their futures and we could not be prouder of this.

You have found yourself in an amazing little corner of Portsmouth... welcome.



Miss Lewis and team



PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

School Uniform

- Black or grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores.
- White polo or shirt
- Navy Cardigan or Jumper - Branded items can be purchased from Mapac here https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/stgeorgesbeneficialpo13bn
- Black shoes/boots or dark trainers.
- No hoops or dangly earrings.
- No crocs or flip flops.
- No bright hair dyes or extreme styles or shaves.

PE kit

- Black or grey shorts, leggings or joggers.
- White t shirt.
- Trainers / plimsolls.
- No hoops or dangly earrings.
- No crocs or flip flops.





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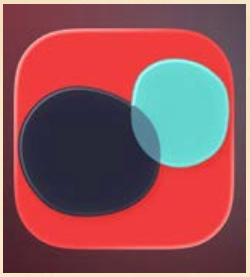
Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes at The Quay will be, for most children, in small groups or classes. This may gradually increase to spending time in the Quay lunch hall.

Packed lunches will be stored in classes and should contain a balanced meal with no sweets or fizzy drinks.

We are a nut-free school.

School dinners can be ordered through the SCOPAY app.



The Scopay app looks like this - register via the play/app store and pay for lunches, trips and school events easily!





STAYING IN TOUCH

Studybugs

Download the Studybugs app from the play/app store. Register and link with St George's Beneficial School Portsmouth

The Studybugs app looks like this. All communication comes through this app. It's a must have!

Newsletters

Look out for our weekly News Flash and half termly newsletter which arrive via Studybugs.

Home School Communication Book

A daily log from school to home and back again. Remember to check here daily.



Social Media

Follow us

https://www.facebook.com/stgbs

Instagram: stgeorgesandthequay



OUR VISION

What is it we want for pupils at The Quay? In short, everything! Every opportunity; Every chance; Every happiness.

We want our children to recognise that 'Everything is possible for one who believes' (Mark 9:23) and that by living out our values of Courage, Hope and Respect and through hard work, good decision making and by positively contributing to their communities that they will experience a full, happy life. We remind our children all the time that they are deserving of opportunity, choices, chances and happiness and strive to help them know this by heart. The Quay is a place where potential sets sail and we want all our children to rise to their full potential.

As a Church of England school, we work to ensure we provide a loving environment for all God's children to be cared for and to flourish. We want our children to understand the importance of faith and to live out our school values in all that they do, so that they are ready to be part of their communities and the world beyond and are 'Connecting to something bigger than themselves'.

At St George's and The Quay we instil hope for a better future. We will be motivated to learn, and capable of working independently and with others. We will respect ourselves, others and the environment. We will be courageous in making responsible and appropriate choices and make a positive contribution to society. This is so we all experience 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) remembering that we are all deserving of Every opportunity, Every chance and Every happiness.



OUR VALUES



Courage

To try new things.
To face our fears.
To enjoy experiences.
To stand up for what is right.

Hope

To be optimistic.
To show resilience.
To stay motivated.
To know that positive outcomes are always possible.

Respect

To promote kindness.
To be considerate of others.
To feel valued and included.
To make sure all are welcome.



PARENT 2026

"THE QUAY MEANS MORE FAMILIES CAN ACCESS THE SUPPORT THEY NEED IN THEIR CITY."

SIAMS 2024

"POSITIVE, CARING AND WARM."

OFSTED 2025

"THE CALM ENVIRONMENT IS WELL SUITED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PUPILS WITH SEND."

SIP VISIT 2025

"THE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATES A STRONG COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVE PRACTICE AND PERSONALISED PROVISION"

PARENT 2026

"I CAN REALLY FEEL THE LOVE IN THIS SCHOOL."

OFSTED 2025

"LEADERSHIP FROM BOTH STAFF AND PUPILS IS INSPIRATIONAL AND CARING."

SIAMS 2024

"AN ASPIRATIONAL VISION, BUILT ON A PASSIONATECOMMITMENT FOR PUPILS TO KNOW THEY MATTER AS INDIVIDUALS AND ARE LOVED."

OFSTED 2025

"WORK IS CAREFULLY ADAPTED SO THAT PUPILS' LEARNING DEEPENS."

MEET THE LEADERS

HEADTEACHER



MISS LEWIS

DEPUTY HEAD



MRS GRIGGS

WE WILL SEE YOU SOON

ASSISTANT HEAD



MRS SMITH

SENCO



MRS TRUSS

MEET THE TEAM

PENGUINS CLASS





PUFFINS CLASS





WE WILL SEE YOU SOON

PELICANS CLASS





PIPITS CLASS





MEET THE TEAM

CREATIVE THERAPIST



MRS NEAL

SPEECH THERAPIST



MRS HOWLETT

FOREST SCHOOL LEAD



MISS ROCHE

RECEPTIONIST



MRS BELL

SCHOOL SUPPAWT DOG



MIM

We are lucky to have our very own creative therapist, speech therapist, forest school specialist and support dog on board at the Quay and at St George's. You will find Mrs Bell in the reception.

DAILY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Whole class teaching

1-1 and small group time

High Quality Intervention



Social interaction and play

Creative activities and therapies



OUR LEARNING APPROACH

Sensory

At The Quay, children will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of the world through their senses. This might be through self regulation with sensory items, learning through looking, smelling and feeling and exploring the curriculum and topics in a way that allows them to connect ideas with real items they can touch, listen to and sometimes taste. Sensory learning is usually active and means they might get wet sometimes by being outside in all weather - so please be prepared for this. They will also experience music, art, modelling and have special exploration sessions too.

Enquiry

Enquiry learning is student centred. It allows children to ask questions, investigte ideas and discover the world through exploration and critical thinking - rather than just receiving information, students will engage in problem solving and self led questioning to develop curiosity and independence. This can mean that learning looks different for each pupil so don't worry if they come hope and appear to have learnt in a different way to their peers.

Discovery

Think about hands on experiences... learning about smooth and rough by exploring different materials, finding out about different animals by meeting them and exploring their habitats, experimenting with different colours to make pictures - this is discovery learning. It is hands on and this fosters creativity and supports long-term learning and retention. Sometimes discovery learning is messy that's why school uniforms are perfect, they protect day-to-day clothes and mean that spills, splashes and splodges stay on school only clothes.

Life Skills

This area of learning focuses on developing the practical, social and emotional abilities needed to navigate the world safely, happily and with increasing independence. It helps with problem solving, resilience, emotional well-being, confidence and self-management. Lessons in life skills could include taking public transport, working out whether to save or spend, looking after your own health and practising how to speak confidently to all different types of people.



WRAP AROUND CARE

Sunrisers and Sunsetters provides wrap around care for those parents wanting extra childcare. Whether you need late collection due to work commitments or just want to book children in to give them some social/ play time ALL are welcome.

This service is open to pupils in Reception through to Year 6 and as well as regular slots, we also offer one off sessions for the times when you just need to get something done!

WRAP AROUND TEAM



MISS BLAKE



MISS JEFTHA

Breakfast/ After School Club

Sunrisers via Union Street

7.45am -8.50am

£3.50 per child

Sunsetters viathe School Lodge

3.15pm until 6.00pm

£8.00 per child

Admission Arrangements for Sunrisers/Sunsetters Club

Parents requiring a place should contact the school office for more information and an application form.

Payments are currently made directly to the club supervisor, Sue Blake.

If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let us know in advance.