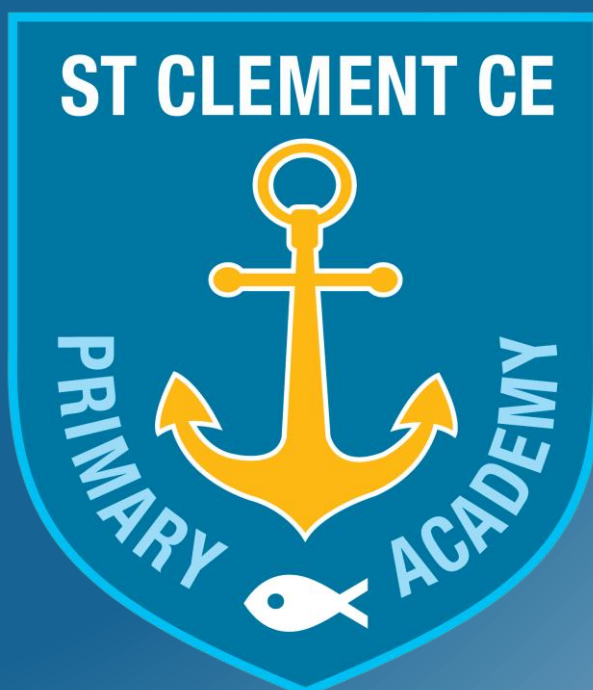


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A new school for Shoreham



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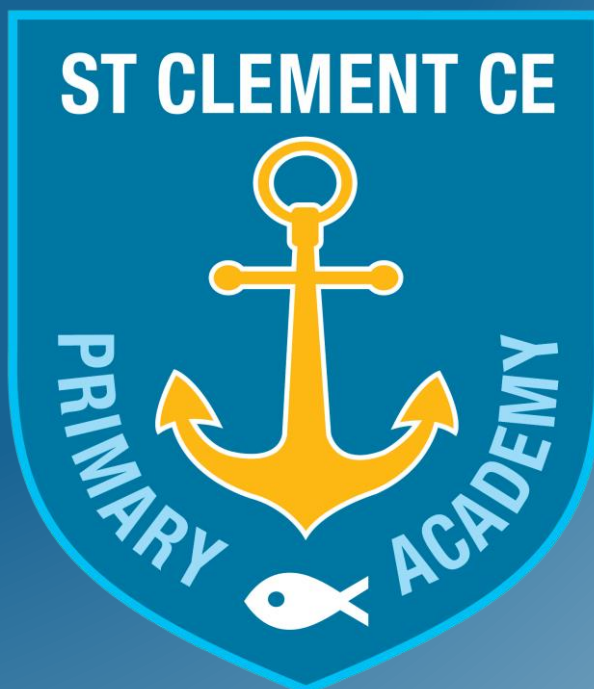
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“As a St Nic’s parent I’d like a [new] faith school, to accommodate all those children (parents) who want to come here, but realize that’s unrealistic!”

(St Nic’s parent, 2016)



“I can't think of a better team to make this (Free) school a reality”

(Survey respondent, 2016)

“Parents describe the school as a very happy community and were effusive in their praise of how well their children are understood and cared for by staff.

(St Nicolas & St Mary’s Primary School Ofsted report, 2017)

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Introduction: A new school for Shoreham

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School has successfully applied to the Department for Education to set up a new 'sister' primary school in Shoreham. The new 'Free School' aims to create more school places and meet the aspirations of local parents. This will increase parental choice and relieve the pressure for places elsewhere around the town.

The Free School will be named after St Clement, the patron saint of mariners – perfect for a school in a seaside town with a busy harbour. This nautical theme will be reflected in our curriculum and cross-curricular work.

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School is a high performing school with an outstanding reputation. St Clement CE Primary Academy will replicate this success. The teaching and the creative curriculum at St Clement will be the same as for St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School. Likewise the quality of care and behaviour expectations will be the same.

"Teaching is vibrant"
(Ofsted, 2013)

"Pupils learn rapidly"
(Ofsted, 2013)

Our passion is to offer an outstanding education with a distinctive Christian ethos.

Could St Clement CE Primary Academy be the best school for your child?

Distinctive and inclusive

St Clement CE Primary Academy will be a 'Church of England' school within the Diocese of Chichester. This means that St Clement CE Primary Academy will aim to serve Shoreham by providing an education of the highest quality within a Christian ethos which will underpin all activities in the school and beyond. Inspired by St Clement, children will be taught to think, reflect and act in accordance with our 'British Values'.

The values and policies developed at St Nicolas and St Mary's CE Primary School, which was graded 'outstanding' in all areas by SIAMS inspectors (September 2016) and has been given a Bishop's Commendation for the outstanding development of Christian ethos, will be adopted.

St Nicolas and St Mary
Primary School
"promotes outstanding
spiritual, moral, social
and cultural development
through its rich and
purposeful curriculum"
(Ofsted 2013)

Outstanding Behaviour

Behaviour at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School was judged 'outstanding' in 2010 and 2013. The same principals and expectations will be applied in St Clement CE Primary Academy and the underlying behaviour policy will be the same. However there will be some changes in the terminology used so that the new school develops its own identity. For example St Nicolas and St Mary describe house points as 'BEST points' and St Clement will have 'Anchor' points and awards.

"In every classroom we visited, pupils were polite, friendly and confident to express their views." (Ofsted, 2017)

High standards

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School was graded by Ofsted as 'outstanding' in 2010 and 'good' with many 'outstanding' features in 2013. Behaviour was judged to be 'outstanding' and teaching was reported to be 'consistently good and sometimes outstanding'. In 2017 a short inspection confirmed that the school had 'maintained the good quality of education'.

“Teaching is consistently good and sometimes outstanding”
(Ofsted, 2013)

A core aim of St Clement CE Primary Academy is to ensure that pupil outcomes are above County and National averages and in line with that for St Nicolas and St Mary, which has consistently high KS2 results – typically well above National averages.

Outstanding curriculum

The school will build on the outstanding curriculum at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School which has won a number of awards over the years including Artsmark Gold (Arts Council England: Music Art & Design, Dance and Drama), National Healthy School Status, Investors in Health, Silver kite mark for school games and the top “Green Flag” Eco-Award.

“The curriculum is enriched by a wide range of special events and interesting, fun activities and promotes pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development very well” (Ofsted, 2013)

“St Nicolas & St Mary's Primary School has an excellent reputation for offering outstanding education and nurturing for Shoreham pupils making it one of the most sought after schools in the area. The creation of a new sister school offers a great opportunity for yet more local children to benefit from that success story and get the very best start in their school careers.”

Tim Loughton - MP for East Worthing & Shoreham

St Clement CE Primary Academy will work closely with St Nicolas and St Mary Primary School to ensure that high standards are maintained. The new school will be able to benchmark and compare pupil work and outcomes against a well-established school with an excellent track record.

“Exceptional care”
(Ofsted, 2013)

We will offer a positive learning environment which supports each individual with high expectations. We will provide an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum keeping the children at the heart of all we do. Opportunities will be provided to enrich and extend the children’s learning experiences as we promote creativity and enjoyment whilst achieving excellence.

The main differences to how the curriculum will be delivered will be because the two schools will have different physical spaces. Pupils may have differing interests or needs that need to be addressed. Staff, parents and the wider community may have different skill sets that they can bring to the new school. St Clement CE Primary Academy will also be able to take advantage of academy freedoms to enrich and develop the curriculum further.

Further information

Ofsted reports: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>

Performance tables: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/find-a-school-in-england>

St Nicolas & St Mary CE Website:
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk>

Early Years Foundation Stage

The EYFS will be based on the good practice developed at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School which was judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding' in 2010 (when a separate judgement was made on the EYFS) and to have 'exceptional care' and teachers who promote 'supportive relationships extremely well' (Ofsted 2013).

The Early Years Foundation Stage gives children a good start to their education through good quality provision. Pupils have exemplary attitudes to learning. They feel very safe and enjoy school. They behave outstandingly well.
(Ofsted, 2013)

Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship

"The distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, as a Church of England school are outstanding"

(Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools, 2016)

The RE syllabus will be in line with Diocesan guidelines and the Locally Agreed Syllabus. This will include teaching about Christianity as well as other world faiths. Daily Collective Worship (assembly) will normally last up to 15 minutes per day with special services for Remembrance Day, Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Parents have the right to withdraw their child(ren) from RE and Collective Worship.

An Exciting Opportunity

Shoreham parents want a new school and what better than to have a popular, top-performing and well-established school open up a 'sister' primary school. The ethos, curriculum, policies and expertise of St Nic's can all be transferred across to St Clement. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new children and their families and provide them with an excellent education in a caring environment. If you have preschool children, do complete and return an "Expression of Interest Form" as soon as you can, so that we can keep you informed about this exciting new adventure.

David Etherton – Executive Headteacher (St Nicolas & St Mary)

Open Admissions

In line with local demands, St Clement CE Primary Academy will have an open admissions policy, welcoming children of all faiths/world views and none. This means that the school will not have church attendance or faith related oversubscription criteria.

It is expected that many parents will choose St Clement CE Primary Academy because of its strong ethos, values and standards and because there will be no requirement to be a 'regular worshipper'.

Any child with a statement of special educational needs or EHCP naming the school will automatically be admitted to the school, under section 324 of the Education Act 1996. The Free School will have a similar Oversubscription Criteria to that for West Sussex:

1. Children looked after (children in public care), children who were previously looked after who leave care under a special guardianship or residence order. Evidence must be provided;
2. Children who need a place at the school on exceptional and compelling social, psychological or medical grounds. Evidence must be provided;
3. Children who live in the catchment area with brothers or sisters already at the school at the time of admission;
4. Other children who live in the catchment area;
5. Children who live outside the catchment area with brothers or sisters already at the school;
6. Other children who live outside the catchment area.

The proposal is that the catchment area will be 'Shoreham by Sea'.

If you have any comment about the proposed admission policy or oversubscription criteria please email StClement@stnm.org.uk

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FAQs

What is a 'Free School'?

A 'Free School' is simply an Academy. The difference between a school and an academy is that the latter is funded directly from the government (rather than the local authority) and has greater freedoms to innovate. It is more accountable to an academy trust rather than the local authority. More information on free schools can be found at:

<http://www.newschoolsnetwork.org>

What's the connection between St Nic's and St Clement?

One route of setting up a new Free School is for an existing school with a strong track record to set up a replica school. St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, as a high performing school with an excellent reputation, has applied to set up a sister school – St Clement CE Primary Academy. Both schools will have their own headteacher, staff and governing body but will work closely together.

What other links will St Clement Primary Academy have?

St Clement CE Primary Academy will work alongside other schools in Adur and church schools in the Deaneries of Brighton and Hove. The school will be part of the Bishop Otter Academy Trust (BOAT) and accountable to the Diocese of Chichester Education Trust. More information about BOAT can be found at www.boat.academy

When and how can I apply for a place?

Parents and carers cannot apply for a place at St Clement until the DfE has approved the proposal. Therefore all parents and carers MUST

APPLY ONLINE for a school place for September at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions by 15 January in any given year.

Parents and carers will be able to apply for a place at the new school once the DfE's funding agreement is in place. Admission to St Clement will be a separate process to that for other schools in West Sussex (for the first year only).

Additional information meetings will be held prior to opening to give parents and carers further advice and information about admissions. Further details will also be published at <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk>

Where will the school be?

St Clement CE Primary Academy will have a permanent building in Shoreham. The Education Funding and Skills Agency has a responsibility to support new schools and secure appropriate accommodation. Further announcements will be made on this in due course.

Will there be too many school places in the area?

Residents will be aware of several large-scale residential developments in the area creating yet more accommodation for a growing population. Young families are continuing to move to Shoreham from Brighton, London and beyond who will need a place at a good local school.

Who will the headteacher be?

The Principal Designate (headteacher) for the new school will be announced when the school has been approved by the DfE. Governors and senior leaders of St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School will work closely with St Clement CE Primary Academy to ensure a successful start for the new school.

How many children will St Clement have?

St Clement CE Primary Academy has the potential to be a two-form entry primary school (60 children per year group). In the first year of opening, there could be one or two Reception classes depending on demand for places across the wider area. Eventually there could be up to 420 children from Reception to Year 6.

Will the school have a nursery?

St Clement CE Primary Academy intends to open a nursery class for pre-school children.

Will the school offer Breakfast and After School Clubs?

The school will provide a Breakfast Club from 8am every day and an After School Club, Monday to Thursday up until 5.30pm. Charges will be in line with other local providers.

When will we find out when St Clement CE Primary Academy will open?

The DfE will make a decision about when the new school will open once a site has been secured, a funding agreement is in place and timescales for any building works. As soon as the decision is known, an announcement will be made on the St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School website <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk>, on social media and in the local press. If the bid is successful, parents who have completed an 'expression of interest' form will be notified and invited to apply for a place.

Further questions? Email: StClement@stnm.org.uk