

2025/26

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# The Dell Primary School

## PROSPECTUS



**BE KIND, BE YOUR BEST**



## **WELCOME**

**BY MARK ADAMS - HEADTEACHER**

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I am very pleased to welcome you to our school. I hope that this prospectus allows you to get a feel for our fantastic school. If you wish to visit us, you would be very welcome by both pupils and staff. At The Dell Primary we have developed strong relationships with parents and the community to ensure that our learners thrive. Our dedicated and passionate staff work hard to inspire our children to develop a love of learning.

The Dell Primary is a happy, caring and reflective school, committed to achieving the very highest standards. We are a school determined to provide our children with engaging and challenging learning experiences that meet the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Our children are proud to play a leading role in determining our curriculum and shaping the future of our school.

We are very proud of our school and hope that you will visit to see our school in action!

Mark Adams.

## SCHOOL CONTEXT

The Dell Primary School is situated in the centre of the town of Chepstow which is in the south eastern corner of Monmouthshire, which is our Local Education Authority (LEA). It serves the local area, which is largely residential and relatively prosperous. There are pupils on roll from the ages of four to eleven.

Nearly all pupils live relatively close to the school. 10% of pupil households are in Gloucestershire, England. Pupils have a full range of ability. When they start school in the reception class our children's skills and experiences are generally in line with those expected and found amongst four year olds. There are approx. 8% of pupils entitled to free school meals, which is well below the LEA average of 10.9% and the all-Wales average of 17.5%.

About 9% of pupils are considered by the school to have some degree of Additional Learning Need (ALN) which is below average for schools locally and nationally. One pupil is looked after by the LEA. Approximately 4% of pupils have English as an Additional Language. No pupil has Welsh as the first language of the home. The school was last inspected in June 2022. The Dell is one of five primary schools in the Chepstow Cluster of schools. Nearly all children join our Reception classes from one of five pre-school settings and nearly all pupils move on to Year 7 at Chepstow School.



# THE DELL PRIMARY PROSECTUS

## The Dell Primary - Core Purpose

Every learner at The Dell Primary School will develop a wide range of skills in each of the 4 Purposes.

- Ambitious, capable learners - ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors - ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens - ready to be citizens of Wales and the world .
- Healthy, confident individuals - ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

## Be Kind, Be Your Best

This is our school ethos and all staff and pupils to live this ethos every day. Our ethos helps to promote our high standards of learning and behaviour.

## Our School Values

Our eight school values are at the heart of our culture and daily experiences. Children and staff embrace them each day and they shape our relationships, teaching & learning. They were created by the pupils and staff at The Dell Primary. We focus on a different value each week with an assembly to launch each value every Monday and an assembly to celebrate pupils who have modelled the value every Friday.



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## The Dell Primary School - Staff Structure 2025/26

### Staff Role & Responsibility

**Mark Adams- Headteacher**

**Hannah Adams - Acting Deputy Headteacher & ALNco**

**Nansi Jones- Reception Teacher, Maths & Numeracy Leader**

**Rebecca Pullan- Reception Teacher & Welsh Leader**

**Collette Lewis - Year 1 Teacher & Humanities Leader**

**Fiona Hornbuckle -Year 1 Teacher & Digital/STEM Leader**

**Lesa Davies - Year 2 Teacher & Welsh Language Leader**

**Donna Shewan- Year 2 Teacher & Expressive Arts Leader**

**Gemma Thomas - Year 2 Teacher & International Languages**

**Louise Xerri- Year 3 Teacher & Student Mentor**

**Megan Atkins - Year 3 Teacher & Digital Website Leader**

**Tilly Clarke - Year 4 Teacher & Science Leader**

**Olivia Birt - Year 4 Teacher**

**Gabby Doyle - Year 5 Teacher & Health and Wellbeing Leader**

**Ellen Smiley - Year 5 Teacher**

**Jenny Elliot - Year 5 Teacher & LLC Leader**

**Sarah Vincent - Year 6 Teacher & Senior Leader**

**Courtney Stephens - Year 6 Teacher & Expressive Arts Leader**

**Sarah-Jane George - PPA Teacher & RRS Leader**

**Louise Bringhurst - Wellbeing Leader**

**Sarah Thomas - Teaching Assistant**

**Lisa Murphy - Teaching Assistant**

**Alison Binns - Teaching Assistant**

**Jennifer Newcombe - Teaching Assistant**

**Morag Buchanan - Teaching Assistant**

**Emma James - Teaching Assistant**

**Nicola Davies - Teaching Assistant**

**Sue Fox -Teaching Assistant**

**Emily Smith - Teaching Assistant**

**Eve Price - Teaching Assistant**

**Liz Gibbon - Senior School Administrator**

**Ellie Robertson -School Administrator**

**Jin Soon Yang- Site Manager**

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### **Equality & Inclusion**

**The Governors, Headteacher and staff promote equal access to all areas of the curriculum for all pupils, regardless of race, gender, ability, disability, faith and cultural background. The school has clear policies in place and are committed to providing equality and an inclusive education. All children have equal access to all activities and support is available to ensure this. We encourage respect for all within the school and the wider community.**



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## The Dell Primary School Day

### Early Years - Reception, Year 1, Year 2.

**Start of Day -9:00am**

**Break - 10:30am**

**Morning Session - 10:45am**

**Lunch - 12:00pM**

**Afternoon Session - 1:15pm**

**End of Day - 3:30pm**

### Upper School - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

**Start of Day -9:00am**

**Break - 10:30am**

**Morning Session - 10:45am**

**Lunch - 12:00pM**

**Afternoon Session - 1:00pm**

**End of Day - 3:30pm**

## The School Curriculum

Our school curriculum has been developed over recent years by both our pupils and staff. Our bespoke EPIC Curriculum ensures our learners have weekly opportunities to apply their Literacy Language and Communication skills, Maths & Numeracy skills and Digital skills through our challenging and engaging EPIC Projects/EPIC Challenges.

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## Nature and Scope of the Curriculum

The curriculum at The Dell aims to provide a broad and balanced programme of work for all children and is based on the Curriculum for Wales consisting of six Areas of Learning and Experience:

- Languages and Literacy
- Maths and Numeracy
- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Science and Technology
- Humanities

## Safeguarding

**All staff who work at The Dell Primary School have had child protection training that equips them to recognise and respond to child welfare concerns. These concerns are passed to the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or the Designated Safeguarding Officers, who follow strict guidelines on how to deal with any issues raised.**



## SAFEGUARDING



Keeping children safe is the most important job we do. Every member of our school team is Group A trained and plays a key part in keeping every child safe both in school and beyond.

If you have a concern about a child's safety speak to any member of staff. If you have a concern about a member of staff contact a Safeguarding Leader below. If you have a concern about the Headteacher contact the Chair of Governors or Child Services.

All our Safeguarding Leaders are Group C level trained.



**Mark Adams**  
Headteacher

**Hannah Adams - Acting Deputy Headteacher**

**Louise Bringhurst**  
Wellbeing Leader

**Sarah Vincent**  
Progress Leader

Monmouthshire County Council Child Services Duty Desk – 01291 635669

Monmouthshire County Council Safeguarding in Education Leader – 01633 644392



## School Security

**The school's Health and Safety Policy provides much advice on the supervision of pupils, particularly at the start of the day and lunch times and break times when the pupils are outside. Amongst the measures adopted by the school are:**

**An internal fence controlling access to the playground and classrooms.**

**A security system on the main entrance door as well as Upper School and Early Years entrances and demountable building entrances preventing unauthorised access during the school day.**

**Halo signing in & out system**

**All visitors have to complete Halo sign in and wear a visitors badge.**

**CCTV cameras around the school grounds**

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## Wrap Around Care

### Breakfast Club

We offer a free breakfast for pupils from 8am each school day. Breakfast Club is funded by Welsh Government specifically to ensure that every child can start their learning day in the best possible way. Breakfast Club provision starts at 8am and ends at 8.40am

### After School Child Care

Our After School Club is run by Mathern Day Nursery and is available from 3.30pm until 6.00pm each school day.

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## Uniform

It is our wish that all children of The Dell Primary School wear school uniform. We know that the majority of parents find it convenient to have a school uniform. The Governors feel that the wearing of school uniform by all children promotes a smart, positive image of the school. Kudos Printers in Bulwark Industrial Estate are our suppliers and have been instrumental in helping us determine a range of new garments / items at a reasonable cost. Most items are embroidered with our school logo (the PE shorts and t-shirts often have a printed logo). It is not compulsory to wear items that display the new school logo. Uniform can be purchased via our supplier and their details are below. We also have a Uniform Cabin on the school site where you can obtain good quality used uniform and footwear.

## Kudos Printers

Bulwark Industrial Estate

Chepstow

NP16 5QZ

Tel – 01291 444777





## Admissions

**If you are looking for a Reception place for your child in September 2026 then please attend one of our Open Mornings. This year we are holding our Open Mornings on Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October. We will provide you with an overview of the school as well as the opportunity to visit our Reception classrooms and outdoor areas. If you have missed these events then please contact the school office who can arrange a short tour of our Early Years provision. This year the window for online applications opens on Thursday 13th November 2025 and closes on Thursday 15th January 2026. Please follow the link below to MCC primary school admissions page.**

**<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/starting-primary-school/>**

**If you are looking for a place for your child in another year group then again please contact the school office as they can arrange a tour of the school. Please follow the MCC schools admissions link below if you wish to apply for a school place at The Dell Primary.**

**<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place/transferring-your-child-between-schools/>**