



## **St Peter's RC Primary School Context**

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St Peter's RC Primary is a Roman Catholic primary school located in Whiteleigh, on the outskirts of Plymouth. The school has 131 pupils and five classes (YR/1, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y4/5, Y5/6). It has 42% Pupil Premium and 15% SEND. We are part of the Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust.

*"Plymouth CAST is a multi academy trust of thirty five Catholic schools and one nursery, formed in 2014, which includes all of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Plymouth, except the two joint faith schools. In geographical terms, the Trust extends across seven local authority areas from Penzance in Cornwall to Poole in Dorset. We have 1,300 staff and educate over 7,000 children and young people. Our head office is located at St Boniface College in Plymouth.*

*We are passionately committed to the core aspiration of Catholic education which is the flourishing of the human person for the common good. To that end we have developed collaborative working and partnerships across our trust to ensure that local expertise and best practice in our schools are shared and developed, inspiring a community driven by an unwavering vision for excellence.*

*Our schools lay the foundations for all of our children to seek academic and spiritual growth. Each school seeks to improve the life chances of every child by raising their aspirations, equipping them with the qualifications, knowledge and skills they need to flourish as human beings and make the world a better place.*

*The Plymouth CAST website can only convey a small insight into the work of our vibrant and ambitious community. If you would like to find out more or arrange a visit to one of our schools, or indeed head office, please get in touch".*

*Zoe Batten (CEO)*

St. Peter's is a friendly and welcoming school, where pupils feel happy and safe. (Parent survey Spring 2023). Our school was rated as a Good school by Ofsted (Jan 2017). We were also graded as Good in the S48 section (March 2015) and demonstrated aspects of Outstanding. At the centre of all we do, are our Catholic Values and Virtues, which underpin our curriculum and inspire the mission of the school. Our Mission Statement, written by our school community during the Summer term in 2021, is *Through Jesus we love, we learn and we grow together*. We believe that this statement outlines our intention to grow together, both academically, and in our faith, inspired by Jesus.

The current Headteacher has been in post since September 2021, moving from a role as Deputy Headteacher at another trust school. He has worked for the trust since 2014. He is supported by a Senior Teacher, who has held this role since September 2022, but who has been at the school for over 20 years.

We have 7 class teachers, 6 Teaching Assistants, a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant and a part-time SENDCO. We also have a Parent Support Adviser, Senior Administrator and a caretaker. A new temporary teacher has been appointed to teach Year 5/6, due to the substantive teacher taking on an acting headship at a nearby school. The Reception/Year 1 class and Year3/4 class are taught by a job-share.