



General Details for Applicants

The village of Rownhams is in the Parish of Nursling & Rownhams, within the Test Valley district and near to Romsey. The school caters for children from the houses in and around Rownhams but also attracts children from the Southampton Local Authority area near to the school. A larger than average sized primary school, the Number on Roll is over 300. Nearly all our children transfer to The Mountbatten School in Romsey at the end of Key Stage 2.

The school's most recent OFSTED inspection (February 2018) identified the school as being 'GOOD'. The Diocesan Inspection report (February 2014) stated 'The vision, commitment and drive of the Headteacher, senior leadership and governors are providing a stable, secure and stimulating environment where all can flourish. The school has a clear vision and strategy for long-term development and improvement. The three core Christian values of Love, Joy and Responsibility are at the heart of everything the school does.

The present school was opened in 1976 to replace a Victorian building, which is now the village community centre. Over the years the school has been extended to provide further accommodation. In addition to the two Key Stage teaching areas there is a hall, breakfast kitchen, school dinners kitchen, music room, special needs room, and several learning resources areas, in addition to administrative and staff areas.

The grounds are extensive and there have been a variety of development projects including the construction of a central courtyard and seating areas, and additional playground/landscaped areas and equipment. An enclosed Early Years outside learning area enables these children to have free flow access to the outdoors at any time of the day and in any weather. External areas consist of extensive field and tarmac playground areas, with a range of play equipment for use during school hours.

At present there are 320 children on roll with 11 teaching areas. There are 6 Key Stage 2 classes, mainly based around a central area with a staircase leading to a mezzanine floor which provides additional work space for staff and children. Below the mezzanine is a multi use area which homes the library and ICT resources. Laptops, iPads and LearnPads are used throughout the school. The kitchen provides more than 150 meals a day on site.

The school benefits from having a supportive Governing Body and an active School Association known as FORCE. The school has close links with the parish church, playgroups, and the local secondary school, Mountbatten, in Romsey. Links are also kept with other local primary schools, both through the curriculum and on the sports field. Adult volunteers are always welcome in school with many helping in classrooms, and with a range of visits and activities.

Rownhams St John's aims to provide a place where our values are at the heart of everything we do so that all children are 'Loving Life and Loving Learning'.

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