

Context

St David's Roman Catholic Primary School is on the outskirts of Newport and is a school of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. There are 216 pupils on roll, aged 4 to 11, taught in seven single-age classes. 92.6% of the pupils are Catholic with 5.6% belonging to other Christian denominations, 0.9% following other world religions and 0.9% with no faith.

The school occupies a good site which is shared with the parish church. It is opened daily by the school, making it available for parents to use at the beginning and end of the day. All Foundation Phase classrooms have access to an outdoor covered area which leads to a forest school area. The spacious building houses eight classrooms over two floors.

The average number of pupils eligible for free school meals over the last three years is 9%, which is well below the national average of 19%. The school identifies about 10% of pupils as having additional learning needs. Many pupils are of white British ethnicity and no pupils speak Welsh as a first language. A few pupils are learning English as an additional language. The local authority looks after a very few pupils taught at the school.

The last Section 50 inspection was conducted in May 2009. There have been substantive changes in staff since this time. The previous headteacher retired in December 2015. The current headteacher took up post in June 2017 following a period as acting head. The deputy head was appointed in February 2018. The chair of governors and the Religious Education link governor took up their roles in September 2017.

Of the 9 full-time teachers, 5 are Catholic, 1 holds the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies and 1 holds the National Professional Qualification for headteachers. There are 9 full-time teaching assistants and 2 higher level teaching assistants, of whom 6 are Catholic.

The school has the Platinum Green Flag, 5th Healthy schools leaf award, Fair Trade status and is an 'Investors in Families' school.