



Blue Coat CE Junior School

At Blue Coat C of E Junior School 'With God all things are possible' – Matthew 19:26



Welcome

We welcome you to Blue Coat C.E. Aided Junior School, and look forward to working together with you to ensure a successful future for your child.

Blue Coat School was founded in 1708, and has always had a reputation for high standards of education, with an emphasis on the 12 core Christian values. It can be seen in relationships, attitudes, understanding of right and wrong, forgiveness, tolerance and in the welcoming of all faiths and cultures. These values play an important part in our school life, and we are proud to recognise that our Church Aided status makes Blue Coat a very distinctive school.

Being a school, which is aided by the Church of England, we receive financial support from Durham Diocese and have a strong relationship with the local church. In addition, members of the church act as Foundation Governors of the school.

Blue Coat caters for children of all abilities from 7 to 11 years. We are a two-form entry school, which enables us to offer 60 places per year group. At Blue Coat we regard the education of your child as a partnership between the school and yourselves, and encourage parents to share in the life of the school to continue to create the happy, caring atmosphere for which Blue Coat is known.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.



School Aims

Blue Coat C.E Aided Junior School aims to:

- Provide a stimulating, secure and caring environment in which each individual is valued, feels personally and emotionally secure and where learning can flourish;
- Help children develop spiritually and morally, finding inspiration in Christian values while developing tolerance of other religions, races and ways of life;
- Enable all children to develop lively, enquiring minds and the ability to think logically and creatively, question and discuss rationally, and to apply themselves to realistic tasks and challenges, supported by an ethos of mutual respect;
- Through an inspiring curriculum, support children in gaining an informed view of the world in which they live and the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations;
- Encourage individuals to celebrate their own and others' achievements, develop self-awareness and a personal vision for their future aspirations;
- Enable all children and staff to fulfil their potential and in so doing acquire knowledge, skills, concepts and attitudes relevant to their present and future lives;
- Present the Christian faith as a real and living faith.

We will achieve our aims by:

- Providing a stimulating, colourful environment, where children develop a healthy approach to life;
- Providing stimulating and varied learning experiences which enable all children to succeed, including those with additional needs;
- Establishing and obeying rules through assertive discipline, allowing the opportunity for teaching and learning without distraction;
- Encouraging, recognising and rewarding achievements in all aspects of school life.

Our Christian Values

- Joy
- Wisdom
- Courage



Curriculum

In this school, we don't just teach—we enable possibility. Every lesson, every playtime, and every interaction are a chance to prove that no child's potential is limited. Our curriculum is designed to inspire every child to believe that there are no limits to what they can achieve. We provide a broad, ambitious, and inclusive education that nurtures the whole child—academically, spiritually, and morally. Our curriculum is the vehicle through which we live out our vision. We believe that when children are grounded in **Joy**, equipped with **Wisdom**, and emboldened by **Courage**, they truly discover that with God, all things are possible.

The Three Pillars of Our Curriculum

We deliver our curriculum through three spiritual pillars that ensure no child's potential is limited.

JOY

Focus: Wonder & Celebration

- **The Goal:** Cultivating "awe and wonder" in every subject.
- **In Action:** High engagement, celebratory displays, and the freedom of **OPAL** play.
- **The Why:** Happy children are "possible" children.



WISDOM

Focus: Insight & Discernment

- **The Goal:** Giving pupils the tools to navigate life with ethics and skill.
- **In Action:** Deep "Big Questions," adaptive teaching for **Inclusion**, and a core focus on RE.
- **The Why:** Knowledge is the foundation of a life without limits.

COURAGE

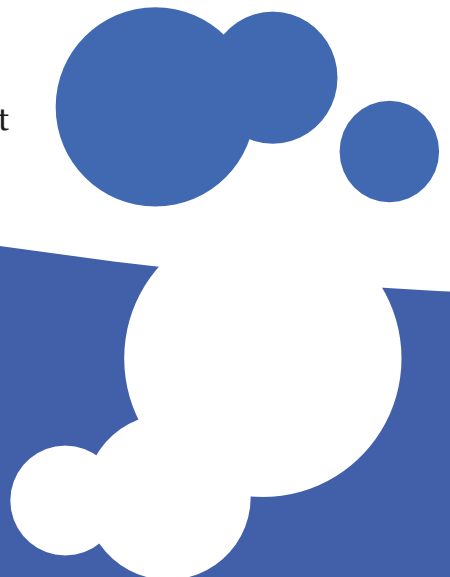
Focus: Bravery & Resilience

- **The Goal:** Empowering "Courageous Advocates" and resilient learners.
- **In Action:** Embracing mistakes, tackling "Risky Play," and standing up for justice.
- **The Why:** It takes bravery to reach for the "impossible."

Implementation

To ensure "all things are possible" for our learners our teaching is built on three key areas:

- High Expectation
- Spiritual Flourishing
- Character Development



Extra-Curricular Activities

There are numerous clubs and activities for children to enjoy at Blue Coat. These contribute greatly to the children's social development.

The activities offered can vary from year to year but have included Performing Arts, Book Club, Outdoor Explorers, Arts and Crafts, Embroidery, French, German, Science and Sports. Parental support and practical help is greatly encouraged and valued.

Forest School

Forest School is a unique educational experience that offers children the opportunity to succeed and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland environment.

Blue Coat University

'Going places, meeting people, imagining your future'

Students attend Blue Coat University as part of our extra-curricular provision after school. The premise behind Blue Coat University is to create possibilities and open children's minds to different careers.

Within each of these areas, children can experience what it is like to be Environmental Explorers, Artists, Engineers, Product Designers, Food Technologists, Coders, Dancers and more.

Student Voice

There are many jobs at Blue Coat that students can apply for. Each job is advertised for all students to apply for through a formal process and interview. Some of the positions available are:

- Christian Charter Committee
- Subject Ambassadors
- Media Team
- Playground Leaders
- Peer Mentors
- Librarians
- Lunchtime Supervisors
- Community support workers
- audiences - developing Oracy
- Experience project-based learning - critiquing work



Uniform

We encourage the wearing of a school uniform because it promotes a strong sense of identity.

- Logoed or plain white polo shirt
- Plain grey or black skirt or trousers
- Blue Coat sweatshirt or cardigan (available from school website) *or*
- Plain royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Blue/white checked dress
- Formal shoes (no trainers)
- There are also school coats for outdoor wear.

Our school P.E Kit consists of black shorts and a blue t-shirt which are also available from the school website.

The wearing of jewellery and extreme hairstyles is strongly discouraged. Stud ear-rings (only one per ear) must be removed by children themselves for P.E. lessons and we request that children with long hair have it tied back during school hours. Your assistance is required to help the school comply with Health and Safety Regulations.



Admissions Process

The Governing Body of Durham Blue Coat Church of England (Aided) Junior School is the Admissions Authority for the school. We intend to admit up to 60 pupils to the Year 3 classes in September. This arrangement follows consultation between the Governing Body, the Local Authority, all other schools in the area and all other Admission Authorities in the area.

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form. This form must be returned to the Local Authority. Applications received after the closing date will only be considered after all those received by the closing date.

At Blue Coat Junior School, we are pleased to accept children between the ages of 7 and 11 years whose parents apply for admission. Most children are admitted to the school on direct transfer from Newton Hall Infants' School. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or a Health Care Plan where Blue Coat is named as the only school which can meet their needs within Durham will be admitted.



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