

Claire believes that Lamerton C of E Primary School is a perfect environment for children to flourish

Claire and Rupert Noy-Scott live in Chaddlehanger with their sons, Reuben 14, Oliver 12 and Toby, nine.



Good reputation

The decision to send all three of their sons to Lamerton C of E Primary School was an easy one for Claire and Rupert. With just 49 pupils and a dedicated team of staff, Lamerton is able to nourish each child's development, enabling them to achieve their full potential.

"We investigated other larger schools with good reputations and big sports facilities but Lamerton was recommended and on our first visit we instantly felt that it was one big family unit," says Claire. "The atmosphere was calm and the children seemed settled and happy. All of the teachers have fantastic energy and they care about every pupil."



**Lamerton C of E (V.C.)
Primary School**



Caring environment

"All of our boys have gone to Lamerton and none of them ever had a bad day. We initially worried that the small numbers of pupils might limit their ability to make friends, but the opposite happened as they made friends with children of all ages. There is no age barrier to friendship and the older children look out for younger ones. There is also absolutely no bullying."

Personal touch

Many of Claire's initial worries turned out to be things that make the school special. For example, she says: "If ever one of my sons seemed out-of-sorts a teacher would come out after school that day to ask if everything was OK. I don't think that would happen so quickly in a big school."

"I believe it is very important for younger children to feel that wherever they are, people care about them as individuals and at Lamerton the teachers seem to be able to nurture every child, whatever their individual needs. Another example is that my eldest son was very bright and in his final year I asked if the teachers could provide extra work for him and they went out of their way to do this."

One-to-one help

Lamerton also provides one-to-one help for pupils when this is needed.

"At first my middle son was a little slower when it came to reading and writing, but the staff provided him with one-to-one help at break times, which really helped," says Claire.

"All of the children at Lamerton are encouraged to talk and to realise that it's OK to say if they are struggling with anything, and this helps to make them feel safe and confident."

Senior schools praise Lamerton C of E Primary School

There are private schools in the area but Claire believes that Lamerton children can hold their own with these pupils in terms of confidence. She explains: "When they leave to go to senior school the teachers always comment that children from Lamerton possess a quiet inner confidence and thoughtfulness towards other children."

Opportunities

"Although the school doesn't have vast sports facilities it's not a problem because the children can play rugby and football on the pitch at the village hall. They can also enjoy a vast number of after school clubs. The

teachers are brilliant, and very keen for the children to try as many things as possible such as golf, art, choir etc."

Parents are welcome

Lamerton is a very inclusive school and encourages parental involvement. For example, parents are welcome to sit in the classrooms and listen to reading groups, take part in craft days, or help walk the children to the playing field.

"It's a wonderful school that provides a fun, stimulating learning environment," says Claire. "I highly recommend it."

Children say

Toby says: "When mum tells me it's time for me to go back to school after the holidays I always feel happy. It's not just because I miss my friends, it's because we do so many different things and it's always exciting. I love it!"

