

Small class sizes and a nurturing environment make Lamerton C of E Primary School the perfect choice for Sophia

Mike and Sophia Parsons live in Peter Tavy with their son Callan, who is six years old.



Matter of convenience

Although the family had a choice of several schools that were closer to their home, they decided to send Callan to Lamerton because of its small class sizes and the enthusiasm and expertise of the staff.

“Our school journey may work out slightly longer in miles but the drive is pleasant and relaxing and we enjoy it,” says Sophia. “Other schools may be geographically closer, but then you have to park your car some distance away and walk to them, so Lamerton is actually much more convenient.”



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



Pupil/staff ratio

Their main reason for choosing Lamerton is the high pupil/staff ratio, meaning that the teachers are able to give every child a lot of attention.

"Other schools are far larger and class sizes are much bigger," says Sophia. "But with just a teacher and a classroom assistant in a large class, the children inevitably don't get as much attention.

"Also, the children at Lamerton really look after each other, which is lovely. We are delighted with everything."

Class sizes

Lamerton has two classes of mixed age groups – a concept that Sophia was initially a little sceptical about. However, she is now very impressed by the educational and social benefits of this system, which encourages younger children to work and play confidently with their older peers.

"Callan is in class one, where the age ranges are from four to seven years old," explains Sophia. "The children sit at different tables to suit their capabilities. Callan can already read fluently and is good with numbers and spelling, so he sits at a table where he can do more complex work, which means he is never held back and this is a huge advantage.

"Equally, any children that are struggling can move to another table where the work is easier for them. I was somewhat skeptical about this system at first, but now I've seen how it works I am really impressed because Callan is reading what the

older children are reading and this really encourages him."

Early learning and friendships

"Callan has been at Lamerton for a year now and when he first started the older children immediately befriended him and helped him to settle.

"The fact that there are so many teachers at Lamerton means Callan always receives a great deal of attention, which is great."

Facilities

Lamerton is a small school, with lovely facilities for the children to enjoy.

Sophia says: "The playground is beautiful, it has a great climbing frame and interesting shapes painted on the ground for the children to play on, plus netball hoops and a pirate ship. There is a playing field and community hall just minutes away for the children to use and many opportunities for parents to get involved with the school if they want to help. We also couldn't believe the

banks of computers that are available at the school for children to use."

"Staff are amazing"

"Lamerton is attractive, warm, inviting and well maintained, and all of the staff are amazing. If we have any concerns, no matter how small, we simply call the school or email them and the staff always get back to us very quickly. Nothing is too much trouble.

"When you drop your child off at Lamerton in the morning, you can do so safe in the knowledge that you don't have to worry about them because they will be perfectly happy.

"When the time comes for the older children to head off to secondary school they are all in floods of tears because nobody ever wants to leave!"

Children say

Callan really enjoys attending Lamerton and when asked by Sophia he always says: "I had a nice day at school today!"

