

Motcombe School



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# PROSPECTUS

## MOTCOMBE THE SCHOOL THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

Motcombe is not just an ordinary school: it is the place that feels like home. From the moment you walk through its doors, there is a sense of warmth and belonging that engulfs you. The staff have created a nurturing environment where children can thrive academically and personally. Whether it's the friendly teachers who genuinely care about your child or the caring children who cheer you on at every step, Motcombe truly embodies a strong community spirit.





## GIVING YOUR CHILD THE BEST START TO SCHOOL LIFE

Giving your child the best start to school life is crucial in fostering their love for learning and setting them up for success. To ensure they have the best start, our environment encourages curiosity and exploration. We offer opportunities for play-based learning that help develop their social interactions, problem-solving skills as well as to supporting their physical and mental well-being.

MOTCOMBE  
INFANTS' SCHOOL  
CONTINUES TO BE  
A GOOD SCHOOL.



## OVER AN ACRE OF OUTSIDE AREA

Imagine a school with an astounding outdoor playarea that spans over an acre of land - a space so vast that it can cater to the adventurous hearts of children, encouraging them to explore and engage in physical activities. Our facilities strike a balance between safety and adventure, offering an array of equipment that cater to different age groups and interests including a climbing wall, mud kitchen, forest area, bikes & scooters, loose parts play and water and sand areas.





## INFANT SPECIALISTS

Our infant specialists play a vital role in the early education of each child. They possess a deep understanding of child development during this crucial age range and are equipped with the skills, knowledge and experience to effectively foster growth and learning. With expertise in creating an engaging curriculum, they design lessons and opportunities that cater to both the individual needs of each child and the overall educational goals set by national standards.

## LARGE CLASSROOMS

Our spacious classrooms reduce the feeling of overcrowding, making it easier for students to concentrate. While the physicality of spacious classrooms invokes a sense of openness, it also symbolizes the freedom to think creatively and explore ideas. Our classroom displays are purposeful and reflect what the children have been learning and serve as a reminder to them in order to develop a long-term memory of their experiences.



**“Leaders have ensured the ambitious curriculum is well developed. They have identified what pupils will learn and in what order from early years onwards.”**



## WELL DEVELOPED CURRICULUM

Our ambitious and well-developed curriculum is crucial for the holistic development of each child. It challenges them intellectually, fostering critical thinking skills, and provides them with a broad knowledge base. Our curriculum encourages children to develop essential skills that are applicable in real-world settings. It introduces innovative teaching methodologies to engage learners actively and encourages them to take ownership of their learning journey.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND SNACKS EVERY DAY

Great school lunches are an essential component of a child's overall well-being and academic success. School lunches have come a long way in recent years, and now we can actually use the words "delicious" and "school lunch" in the same sentence without a hint of sarcasm. Gone are the days of tasteless mystery meat – nowadays, students are treated to an array of tasty options on a daily basis from a varied menu.





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## A VARIETY OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A range of exciting enriching opportunities await children through our before and after-school clubs, including activities such as sports and nature clubs, and opportunities for relaxation or playtime. These services offer you peace of mind knowing that your child's welfare is being nurtured while you fulfil your work responsibilities.

## EXPERIENCED SENCO FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Our experienced Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) plays a vital role in providing support and guidance to children with additional needs. With their extensive knowledge and expertise, they are able to identify specific learning requirements, develop individualised education plans, and coordinate appropriate interventions. The SENCO collaborates closely with teachers, parents, and external professionals to ensure that every child's needs are met effectively.





## EMOTIONAL AND WELL BEING SUPPORT

Our staff play a significant role in nurturing children's emotional well-being by teaching them coping mechanisms for stress, building resilience, and fostering positive relationships. By addressing these essential aspects of a child's life in a compassionate manner, we can help them develop emotional intelligence, self-esteem, and overall mental well-being that will benefit them throughout their lives.

## CURIOSITY APPROACH TO LEARNING

Our curiosity approach is an extraordinary educational philosophy that promotes independent thinking and fosters a love for discovery. It emphasises hands-on experiences, allowing children to explore their environment and develop critical thinking skills through their natural curiosity. By providing open-ended resources and carefully curated materials, the curiosity approach encourages children to question, investigate, and create in an immersive and engaging setting.





## TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTERS

The touch screen computers in school have significantly transformed the learning environment. With the integration of this innovative technology, children are able to engage more actively and interactively with their lessons, enhancing their overall educational experience. This not only promotes ease of use but also fosters a sense of technological fluency among young learners who are growing up in an increasingly digital world.

## BEACH SCHOOL

Beach school is an innovative and immersive educational approach that takes learning beyond the confines of a traditional classroom and into the open environment of the beach. At beach school, children are encouraged to observe the natural world around them to foster opportunities for learning across various subjects such as Science, Art and Design & Technology. We are so lucky to be in Eastbourne with such a wonderful beach nearby.





## FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School is an innovative educational approach that emphasises outdoor learning and the natural environment as a setting for children's development and education. Originating from Scandinavia, forest school has gained popularity worldwide due to its numerous benefits for children's physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth. At Motcombe, children engage in hands-on activities such as building shelters, making fires, climbing, and exploring the natural surroundings.

## DEDICATED PHONICS ROOM

A dedicated Phonics room is an exceptional addition to our school. With its main purpose of promoting phonics learning, this room offers a rich and immersive experience that allows children to develop their foundational reading skills. Teachers implement a systematic phonics programme effectively by immersing students in an environment solely devoted to developing early reading. In addition, children are taught letter formation to aid their spelling of words using their phonetic knowledge.



## AMBIENT MUSIC CLASSROOM



Imagine a space where children can engage in the exploration of music while fostering a sense of tranquility and focus. Softly lit with warm colours, the walls are adorned with posters of influential artists. The room is equipped with a variety of musical instruments, both tuned and untuned, allowing children to discover and experiment with different ways of making music.

## A CHANCE TO PERFORM AT THE ROYAL HIPPODROME

Can you believe it? A chance to perform at the prestigious Royal Hippodrome! This is an opportunity of a lifetime. The grandeur and history associated with this legendary venue are simply awe-inspiring. Children have the chance to stand in the spotlight, captivating the audience with every move, and hearing their thunderous applause filling the air. This performance will undoubtedly be etched into your memory forever!





## LEARNING SHOWCASE

Our learning showcases are a time that brings together children and their families in an engaging and interactive way. It provides a platform for children to proudly present their learning and achievements to their parents, siblings, and the wider school community. This informal gathering fosters a casual atmosphere where parents can witness first-hand the progress and growth of their child's learning journey.

## WARM, FRIENDLY STAFF HERE TO HELP

The moment you step through our doors, you are greeted with genuine smiles and welcoming gestures. From the front office staff to the teachers in the classrooms, our staff strive to establish open lines of communication with parents, ensuring that any concerns or questions are promptly addressed. In this school, warmth and friendliness are deeply ingrained in every interaction making for an incredibly inviting atmosphere where everyone feels valued and empowered to thrive.





## UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

At Motcombe we have created a unique environment where everyone feels valued, safe, and inspired to learn. Gone are the sterile and impersonal classrooms. The physical environment is carefully curated to promote hygge, a Danish word for cosy contentment. Soft lighting, comfortable seating arrangements, and natural materials contribute to an atmosphere conducive to learning and personal growth.

## MOTCOMBE LOOKS GREAT, FEELS RIGHT

Motcombe is an absolute gem hidden in the heart of Eastbourne Old Town. As soon as you step onto the grounds, it's easy to see why people are drawn to this place. The atmosphere is relaxed and inviting, making it easy for both children and families to feel right at home. It's clear that Motcombe truly cares about providing a nurturing environment where children can thrive academically and socially. This is not just a school, it's a community, a family, a home and a feeling.



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