



St Columb Minor ACE Academy maintains a good quality of teaching.

On 6th December, Ofsted published the outcome of the school inspection at St Columb Minor ACE Academy that took place in November 2018. The report comments on the way in which the school keeps a focus on current priorities and despite a time of rapid growth in pupil numbers the school continues to provide a good quality of education to the pupils of Newquay and the surrounding area.

The school is an international primary school and has worked hard to develop its ethos and curriculum to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world. The International Primary Curriculum ensures rigorous learning, but also helps teachers make all learning exciting, active and meaningful for children.

There were many areas that were commended by the inspection team including "Effective safeguarding procedures" and "there has been careful thought about how staff can challenge and support pupils" as well as "the walls around the school show and celebrate good examples of writing."

The inspector was impressed at how keen parents were to talk to them about how the school has supported them and their children. One parent said, "We really value the support our children get with their learning, the extra-curricular sporting opportunities as well as funding for school trips." Another parent said, "If my children were anywhere else then they wouldn't have half the opportunities they have here."

Headteacher Nikki Cotterill said, "I am pleased that the recognised how well teachers know our children through our thorough assessment processes and that leaders at all levels have a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses. We value the parental involvement in our

end of project celebration events as it really helps parents to be involved in their children's learning. It was great that the inspection team could see that for themselves as we had an Indian Tea Party for Year 2 children on the day they came and parents were enjoying a range of activities with their children."

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About St Columb Minor ACE Academy

St Columb Minor ACE Academy is part of the Atlantic Centre of Excellence Multi Academy Trust. It is a 3 form entry primary school for children aged 4-11. The school believes in empowering children to understand who they are, where they come from and what impact they have on this world. This then leads on to an understanding of what they can do individually and collectively to make this a better world. The school's innovative curriculum sits within, and goes beyond, the national curriculum.

About the Atlantic Centre of Excellence Trust

The Atlantic Centre of Excellence Multi Academy Trust brings together a family of seven academies; Beacon, Charlestown, St Agnes, St Columb Major, St Columb Minor, St Kew and Upton Cross in a collaborative way, to share, learn from and support each other for the benefit of all.

Our aim is to provide both rigorous and effective school improvement and financial stability to ensure that all of our academies continue to provide the very best education in the communities that they serve.

Our promise is to do our very best to give each and every ACE pupil the opportunity to reach their full potential.