



Academic year 2026 - 2027

St Edward's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and families

I am writing to you all to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Edward's.

Sam Atkinson



I join St Edward's with many years of experience as a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher in Kent schools including previous time spent in another Sheerness school so I know the community well.

I am a husband, father of two daughters and the proud owner of two rowdy dogs.

As a headteacher I am inspired by the following words

"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

It is my commitment as St Edward's headteacher to work with you to ensure that your children have the best education and catholic social teachings that the school can provide.

I am excited to work with the school's fantastic staff on the school's next chapter and I ask all of you to remember the respect and kindness they deserve.

I join with high expectations for the children and the school and expect everyone to join me in sharing those high expectations. We are a family with one aim – to nurture our children to be the best version of themselves in God's love.

As such I must state clearly that we expect high standards of behaviour, effort and application from every child and we will support and encourage every child on their journey to meet those standards.

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform:

This is our school uniform:



Girls can wear a dress or skirt, with a white polo t-shirt or shirt



We have a grey cardigan or jumper



We ask your children to have a St. Edward's book bag, this is available at Forsters



Our school badge can be added to uniform through accessing Forsters



All children can wear grey or black trousers, a white shirt or polo shirt, and formal shorts during warmer months



Plain black shoes

And the correct PE kit:

This is our PE kit



They will need suitable footwear, such as black plimsolls



Your child will need a plain red T shirt and plain black shorts.



In order for your child to enjoy fully their life at St Edward's they must attend regularly, so please ensure they come to school in order that they can build their friendships, join in with the learning and build good habits for their lives beyond St Edward's.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

I and the team at St Edward's look forward to the year ahead; look forward to working with you, meeting with you and watching your children grow under our guidance and nurture.

Our doors are always open and I look forward to meeting with you all and getting to know everyone our community.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart... bless the students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love..."

Yours in good faith,

S Atkinson