# Welcome to St George's Catholic School





We keep ourselves and others safe from harm.



### We take pride in our appearance.



Communicate We show respect. Excellent behaviour



quietly and sensibly. We try our best in all aspects of the school day. We are polite, considerate and well behaved.



We are honest even when it hurts.

We build constructive class relationships.

We treat others how we like to be treated.

We smile and enjoy our time in school.



We take good care of the school and everything in it.

# **Golden Rules** Treat others the way you want

to be treated.

Work hard and try your best.

Behave well at all times.



We have an open-door policy. We welcome parents into the school and promote positive discussions. Class teachers are always available for short messages and if a longer conversation needs to be had then a suitable time will be arranged.





# Our wonderful staff are here to welcome and support your child.

## SEND and EAL

Mrs Bullock is our SEN and EAL coordinator. If your child has any additional needs, including any medical needs, please email the school and Mrs Bullock will arrange to talk to you.

Mrs Bullock also coordinates our provision for children with English as an additional language. In your pack there will be a form for you to fill in if your child has any experience of another language in their home.

### **School Uniform**



Please look at the school website for details of the school uniform and how to order it. You will find the section on school uniform under the 'Parents' tab where there will also be a link to order uniform online.

### **School Meals and Healthy Snacks**

The children are entitled to receive a cooked dinner that is provided by Bishop Fox's. You will receive a letter explaining how to order these online. The Government provides a piece of fruit/vegetable for a snack in the morning. You can also order your child a carton of milk from Cool Milk. The order form will be in your pack.



# Photos of Children

We love to put photos of the children up around the school, on the school website and in the papers. Please can you complete the form that gives permission for your child's photo to be used.



# **School Attendance**

The school has an attendance officer that visits every half term to assess attendance at the school. If your child is off school due to illness, please contact the school as soon as possible.

I cannot authorise holidays in school time unless it is for exceptional circumstances. Breakfast Club 7:45 – 8:50

### After School Club 3.30 - 5.30

You can book your child into either of these at the school office. These will be available depending on the official guidance from theGovernment.

## **Reception Class**





### **Before September**

- You will receive a 'Starting School' Booklet by email.
- Look at the 'Starting School' page on the website where we will put copies of all information.
- Read the 'Welcome to Reception Class' booklet with your child.
- Mrs Weetch will make phone calls to Pre-Schools/Nurseries.
- Mrs Weetch will make individual contact with parents and children.
- Children to join Google Classroom where possible to see stories/take part in activities (please sign and return permission slip).
- Transfer Forms will be shared from Pre-schools/Nurseries where possible.
- Please let us know if your child is called by another name so that their name is correct on the pegs and books.
- Use the ideas for 'school readiness' on the sheet that was emailed to you.
- Please tell us about any allergies/medical issues.

### In September

- Part time start- see the timetable in your pack. This may have to change depending on latest Government guidelines. We will keep you informed.
- Help your child develop independence- hanging their own coats up, putting book bags in the box etc.
- As you and your child have not been able to visit then we are happy for you to stay a bit longer on their first day if you wish and meet/talk to the staff. The next time they come to school settle your child at an activity and then say goodbye with a smile.
- Let your child know who will be picking them up. Let us know if it will be someone different or they are going to After School Club as we will write this down.
- Please check book bags for letters each day.
- Swimming- you will be given a letter to let you know when this will start. It will not be for the first week.
- The children will also have a PE lesson once a week with Mr Chidgey. They will need a bag containing their PE kit which will hang on their peg.
- Please look at the noticeboard outside of the classroom. This will have information about what we will be doing each day, along with other important information.
- If you have any worries or concerns please come and talk to us as soon as possible as this means that we can sort out any issues as quickly as we can.

### **Reception Year Curriculum**

Reception Class is the final year of the Foundation Stage

Through ongoing assessment the learning needs of each child are identified.
This assessment of each child's individual needs

forms the basis of our planning in the Reception class.

### **Characteristics of Effective**

### Learning Playing and exploring – engagement

Finding out and exploring – engagement Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'

Active learning – motivation Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically – thinking Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things

**Areas of Learning Prime Areas Communication and Language Physical Development** Personal, Social and Emotional Development **Specific Areas** Literacy **Mathematics** Understanding the World **Expressive Arts and Design** 

### Assessment

Baseline assessment in first half-term.
Settling in meeting.
End of Year assessment.

•Assessment is with the parents and others working with the child. Parents' contributions are very important.

 Parent/Teacher meetings are arranged twice a year and more informal chats can be arranged as and when needed.

•Assessment is mainly through observation of the child in different activities.

•All areas of learning and development are important and interconnected.



Some of this information will be emailed to you. It will also be available on the school website.

It will include:

- Starting School Booklet (a Polish version will be available on the website).
- Forms to fill in which will include contact details (very important for us please).
- Welcome to Reception Class leaflet and letter for your child.
- Information about milk, uniform, term dates, Breakfast and After School Club.
- A timetable for the part time entry in September (subject to change in line with Government guidance).



If your child has a sickness bug or tummy bug, it is school policy for your child to be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.



# Governors





### PTA

We have a friendly group of parents who organise fundraising events throughout the year. Your support is warmly welcomed.







Your child will swim every week throughout their time at St George's. They will need a swimming costume (one piece not a bikini) or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts), along with a towel. This can be put in a named drawstring bag. Your child will also need a swimming hat (not fabric).

## Website

### Please look at the school website regularly for information.



# The Church

We have strong links with St George's Church and the children will visit and attend the Carol Service and Mass in the Summer Term during their Reception Year. Monsignor Bernard and Father David are regular visitors to school and take Mass in school at the end of each term.





# Parking

We use the top playground as a car park at the beginning of each day. Please follow the one way system where you will drive down the lane and turn right into the playground. You will need to reverse your car into lines. Our caretaker will be there to help direct. Please <u>do not</u> park in the lane. Wait in your car until you can get into the playground. The staff will keep your child with them until you can park and collect



#### them.









Please do not park in these areas.

Thank you! We look forward to 7 happy and memorable years for you and your child.