

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Prospectus 2024



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Welcome

Our school is situated in the village of Ryhope, in Sunderland. We are a small, friendly school, we strive to give every child the opportunity to develop their full potential and to be the best they can be.

The Catholic faith and Gospel values underpin all that we seek to achieve at St Patrick's, whilst at the same time, embracing and celebrating a variety of other faiths and cultures.

The school was built in the late 1800's and retains much of its character. New sections have been added in recent years to improve its facilities. The school is situated next to St Patrick's Church, where we frequently join the Parish community for Mass and other services. Strong links exist and continue to develop between the school, the parish and the local community.

The school was judged 'good' after our most recent OFSTED Inspection in March 2024. Classrooms are vibrant learning environments, lessons are calm and purposeful and pupils demonstrate very positive attitudes to their learning.

The school is part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. We work closely with other schools within the Trust to deliver the very best education possible for our children. We hope that you find this information useful. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School Office.

Mrs J Ward, Executive Headteacher



Our Mission Statement

"Christ is the Centre of St Patrick's School, where we live, love and learn together."

At St Patrick's we aim to create a community with Catholic values at the centre. We believe all of our aims are equally important:

- We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where all can achieve their potential;
- We aim to provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum through learning experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom, which meets the needs of all;
- We value all those who are involved in the life of the school and aim to work in partnership with them;
- We are committed to creating a community that recognises and celebrates difference regardless of age, gender, race, culture, faith, physical ability or social background.

Aims

At St. Patrick's we strive for the education of the whole person and take into account and provide for, by means of the Curriculum and Pastoral Care, the mental, physical, social, emotional, spiritual and moral development of the children.





Our School Day

Our gates open at 8.30 am and school begins at 8.45 am. School finishes at 3.15 pm for Infants and 3.20 pm for juniors.


It is very important that children are punctual and have good attendance. There is clear evidence to suggest that attendance directly affects the attainment and progress of the child – the more often a child attends school, the greater the chance of being more successful academically.

When a child is absent, parents are asked to notify school as soon as possible, preferably before 9.30am on the first day of absence. As regards leave during term time, the Department for Education made amendments to regulations from 1st September 2013. These changes make it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and give no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

- Breakfast club runs from 7.45 - 8.30 am (Monday to Friday).
- After-school club (Monday to Thursday) 3:20 - 5:20 pm.

The cost of both clubs is very reasonable compared to other providers. Children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink at breakfast club and have a snack and a drink at after school club. Please note that there is no after school club on Fridays. For further details please contact the school office.



School Uniform

All children are encouraged to wear school uniform, this is mainly for practical reasons, but it also promotes a sense of belonging. Our uniform consists of:

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan (these may have the school logo, suggested supplier Little Gems or plain purchased from any high-street retailer)
- White polo shirt (these may have school logo on as above)
- Grey trousers/ shorts Grey skirt or pinafore
- Green/ white checked dress for summer
- Black school shoes



School jackets are also available. Tracksuit bottoms, football shirts or jeans are not permitted. We would also prefer that children wore 'sensible' shoes for school and not trainers.

We ask parents to clearly mark uniform with their child's name, as items can sometimes become misplaced. PE kit: black shorts, plain white T-shirt with school logo and black plimsolls/ trainers.

Children are also asked to have a reading folder, Please note that stencilled or patterned haircuts are not allowed in school.

Curriculum

We offer all our children a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum. We continually assess each child's progress in the classroom and plan relevant, meaningful and purposeful activities which will enable him/her to fulfill his/her potential.

Every child in the school has entitlement to the Foundation Stage Curriculum in Reception and the National Curriculum throughout Key Stages 1 and 2.

Children in Reception class are assessed using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) profile in the summer term. Children in Y2 and Y6 are assessed using the Statutory Assessments and Tasks/ Tests (SAT's) in May.

Children in Year 1 are assessed in June using statutory phonics checks. Pupils in Year 4 are assessed in June using statutory multiplication tables checks. Formal tests and teacher assessments throughout the year are used to set individual, group and class targets and to plan for future learning.

Individual targets for each child are shared with parents. In order to achieve success, teachers use a variety of teaching methods and lessons are differentiated to suit the children.



Extra Curricular Activities



We believe that school has even more to offer than a balanced academic curriculum. We actively encourage children to join extra curricular activities both during and after school.

We are very proud of the wide range of activities we offer throughout the year and we feel we have something to interest everyone. Our clubs include football, netball, cookery, art and gardening.

School liaises with other partnerships in providing enrichment activities for the children, such as basketball and skipping. A variety of visitors come in to school to enhance our curriculum, particularly as regards health, safety and well-being, such as Walkwise, Cycling Proficiency, Water Safety, the fire brigade, the police and the school nurse.



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