



## **St John's Catholic Primary School**

### **New to Nursery parent information**

Welcome to Early Years, this information pack includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions our early years staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

Activities in Early Years are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual records and online learning journals are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

Planning for each week is carried out following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

**Early Years Lead Teacher-** Miss J Bond

**Nursery Teacher-** Miss I Devaney

### **Transition**

You will be contacted with transition arrangements and your child's start date by the Nursery class teacher.

### **Nursery timetable**

Nursery children enter school and leave school from the nursery classroom doors (close to the Metlock Street entrance).

### **Nursery timings**

**Morning Nursery-** 8.30am or 9am-11.30am

**Afternoon Nursery-** 12.30pm-3pm or 3.30pm

### **Password system**

Please provide your child with a password (to be written on the 'All about me' form). If anybody other than a parent/guardian is collecting your child from school e.g. Nan, Grandad, Big Brother/Sister, family friend please provide them with your child's password and inform the school who is collecting your child that day. If school does not know who is collecting your child and they do not have the password your child **WILL NOT** be sent home.

### **Lunch**

All reception children are currently entitled free school meals, 3 different options are available each day. However, if you do not wish for your child to have a school dinner you can provide a packed lunch.

### **Snack time**

Snack is available at any point during the morning for the children to help themselves. Snack consists of a variety of fruit, milk and water.

Water is available throughout the day for the children to help themselves. Children do not need to bring a water bottle into school.

During times throughout the year nursery children will be given the opportunity to try different foods from all around the world.

### **30 Hours**

For more information, to find out how 30 hours run at St John's and whether your child is eligible for 30 hours please refer to the attached information sheet.

If you have any questions relating to 30 hours please contact St John's Day Nursery Manager Nicola Evans using the contact information below.

### **Wrap around care**

If you require pre nursery or after nursery care please contact:

Mrs Nicola Evans

St John's Day Nursery

Fountain's Children's Centre

0151 233 4836

### **Uniform**

Uniform in Nursery is not compulsory.

However if you choose to put your child in school uniform early Years uniform consists of:

#### **Winter**

##### **Boys**

Grey Trousers / Shorts or blue sweatpants

White polo shirt

Blue Cardigan / Jumper / Tank Top with School Logo

Black Shoes

##### **Girls**

School Tartan Kilt/Tartan Pinafore or blue sweatpants

White polo shirt

Blue Cardigan / Jumper / Tank Top with School Logo

Black Shoes

### **Summer**

During the summer term boys are able to wear grey shorts particularly when it's very warm, while the girls may wear a yellow gingham summer dress.

White socks may be worn with the summer dress.

Uniform is available from John Lewis and local uniform shops

We spend a lot of time outdoors in all weathers. We ask for the children to be provided with a waterproof outdoor coat and a pair of wellington boots (the wellington boots will remain in school), we also have climbing equipment within the outdoor area, for this reason we ask for the children not to have school shoes with laces or open toes shoes.

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black school pumps

In September children will only need black school pumps, children **DO NOT** need full PE kit until January. School will provide each child with a PE bag in September.

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed, only the wearing of a watch.

Earrings, including studs are not allowed.

PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, INCLUDING SHOES

### **All about me form**

You will be sent an 'all about me' form to complete about your child. This form is for the class teachers, it helps us to get to know your child. It provides us with a little information about your child's likes and dislikes and also vital medical/allergy information and a password.

### **Outdoor Play**

The Nursery children will access the outdoor area every day, weather permitting, so please make sure your child comes to school suitable dressed for the weather. A warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves can be worn during the winter months and a sun hat/cap and sun

cream during the warm, summer months. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

The children will have access to the 'outdoor classroom' which is situated off the early year's playground. Many activities take place in this area, such as leaf rubbings, nature walks, bird feeding, class stories and den building. The children will also have access to sand, water, the mud kitchen, construction and planting area. Many of these activities can become messy so the children will have access to waterproof suits and wellies. You may bring in a pair of wellies (clearly labelled) which can be left in school for your child to use when needed.

Outdoor learning within the Early Years can provide opportunities for your child to grow confidently and develop skills using a safe space, nature and their environment while being active and having fun (Early Years Foundation Stage, Outdoor learning, 2007).

### **Attendance**

At St John's, we believe that pupils' attendance and punctuality are extremely important. We are committed to raising standards; this can only be done if the school and parents work in partnership and parents ensure that their children attend regularly and on time.

If attendance is an issue then we will be forced to refer your case to the local authority Attendance Team.

If your child is going to be absent please phone school to let us know. If we do not receive a message about your child's absence we will phone you.

### **EYPP- Early Years Pupil Premium**

Within this pack, you will find the EYPP form. This is a short form requesting some information which will help us to provide the best education and support for your child by making sure that if your child is eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) that we receive this funding.

### **Sharing stories and singing songs together at home**

Each week the children will have the opportunity to take home a school library book to share with their family. They will also take home a new song or rhyme every weekend. This will be a song or rhyme that the children have been singing in nursery during the week.

### **Home Learning**

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early Years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage

you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

Please visit our website for all useful information and ideas for how to support your child at home.

<https://www.stjohnskirkdale.co.uk/>

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