# St. James Catholic Primary School, Hebburn **Prospectus 2024**



# Welcome

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to St. James' Catholic Primary School. As a school community, we look every day to follow our school mission statement – "We care for each other and treat each other as Jesus teaches us."

Our dedicated and passionate staff team work hard to provide a safe and stimulating environment where our children can feel secure and excited about learning.

We nurture the uniqueness of every child and respond to their individual strengths and needs. Our aim is to equip our children with the tools for future learning and the confidence to follow their dreams.

Our school aims to develop close links with parents, parish, governors and the community; value the uniqueness of each child by helping them to realise their full potential spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially; maintain and build upon the mutual support of the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school; and provide a Catholic Christian setting in which Gospel values can flourish and develop in all areas of school life.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of St. James' Catholic Primary School and I very much look forward to welcoming you into our school community. If you would like to visit us or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs. Francesca Heslop Headteacher



# **Our Mission Statement**

At St. James Catholic Primary School we aim to provide a variety of lessons for every child in a happy, caring and welcoming school.

Every member of our school is a gift from God and we want everyone to do their best. As a Catholic School, we care for each other, and treat each other as Jesus teaches us, in all areas of school life.

# **School Information**

St James Catholic Primary School opened in 1972. At present, we are a one form entry, taking in children between the ages of 4 years and 11 years. We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust having joined in October 2021.



## **Our Curriculum**

# The curriculum is divided into three stages:

- Early Years Foundation Stage Reception ages 4-5 years
- Key Stage 1 from ages 5-7 years
- Key Stage 2 from ages 7-11 years

# Reception

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Learning
- Physical Development
- English
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

# **Key Stages 1 and 2**

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Religious Studies
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education/RSE
- Modern Foreign Language



# The School Day

Main School is from 8:55am – 3:25pm (The school gates open at 8:45am).

#### **Breakfast Club**

At St James we offer a Breakfast Club which runs from 8.00am each morning. This facility provides a really good start to the day for those parents who require extended child care provision. Full information can be found on the school website.

#### **School Meals**

The school meals at St James' are home cooked by Sara our cook in charge and our Kitchen Assistants. All recipes are supplied by Chadwick's Kitchen. All of our children have their lunch in the school hall supervised by our lunchtime staff. Children in Reception to Year 2 receive a universal free school meal and most children in KS2 choose to have a school dinner. Children have the opportunity to choose the meal of their choice at the start of each morning from the current menu.

#### **Packed Lunches**

The overall aim of our packed lunch policy is to ensure that all packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school (or on school trips) provide the pupil with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to food served in schools, which is now regulated by national standards.

#### **After School Provision**

Although we don't have on-site After School Childcare provision at St James we do work closely with local After School Childcare providers who collect children from St James which you can find more information about on our website.

#### **Pastoral Care**

The staff of St James school place a great emphasis on the welfal and well-being of all children in their care. Academic achievements are an important part of school life, however we also place a great emphasis on children having opportunities for curriculum enrichment experiences as well as educational and residential visits.

We are proud of the pastoral care at St James where children feel supported inside and outside of the classroom.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

At St James we offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. These include Craft Club, Arts Award, Mini Vinnies, Little Dribblers, Sports Club, Film Club and Singing Club. All information can be found on our website.

#### **Parental Involvement**

As soon as your child starts at St James you are a member of our school community. We believe that the education of a child is a partnership and we aim to support you in as many ways as possible. We value the contributions of parents and family and actively encourage you to help.

Letters concerning various activities taking place at school are sent out to parents via their children. The school website is also updated regularly.

A text messaging service will also remind parents of up and coming events. You can also find us on Facebook.

# **Our Uniform**

Our School Uniform consists of the following:

- Royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo
- Royal blue cardigan with the school logo
- Light blue polo with the school logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore (blue and white check dress for Summer)
- Black sensible shoes (no trainers)

## P.E. Uniform:

- White polo shirt, navy blue shorts and black plimsols
- Hooded sweatshirt with the school logo
- Jogging bottoms with the school logo

# **Uniform Policy**

- No patterned, dyed or shaved haircuts
- No jewellery
- No high heels
- No nail varnish
- No tattoos





School uniform can be ordered directly from our supplier.
The automatic link is available in the school uniform
section of our website.

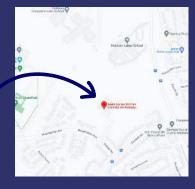
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