



St Mary's RC Primary School
Called to love as God Loves

Good Afternoon and welcome to
St Mary's RC Primary School.

Reception 2022-2023 Meeting



Hello and Welcome!



Mrs Garvey
Headteacher



Mrs Morgan
Early Years Leader



Reception Staff Team



Reception Teacher
Mrs Morgan



Teaching Assistant
Miss Stubbs



Reception Teacher
Miss Green



Teaching Assistant
Mrs Jackson



Mission Statement

"Called to Love as God Loves"

Our Mission Statement is underpinned by our 7 Core Values.

Love: We witness God's love to the world.

Joy: In joy we learn and in joy we grow.

Community: We aim to serve and enrich our community based on the Gospel Values.

Faith: We go forward in Faith as Missionary Disciples.

Dignity: We recognise and celebrate the dignity of every human being.

Forgiveness: We learn to forgive others just as Christ forgives us.

Honesty: We uphold our core values with honesty.



Religious Education



As a Catholic School the children learn about the Catholic Faith this is based around Jesus, his life and his teachings.

- The children are encouraged to live their lives as Jesus lived his e.g. being kind, caring and sharing with each other.
- All children learn that they are talented and unique individuals who have a great contribution to make to the world in their own right.
- Children say prayers daily in class and they go to assemblies in the school hall. They also go to mass in church at key points during the year. Nursery children do not go to mass or assemblies until Christmas time. This is to give them time to settle and become more confident around school.



Behaviour Policy

Children in school will be expected to follow our *Always Child Rules*:

- Do your best
- Respect our school and the people in it
- Use friendly language and tell the truth
- Co-operate with others
- Handle emotions appropriately
- Choose safe behaviour
- Be in the right place at the right time



Key Information

- Start & finish times: 8:45am - 3:15pm
- Breakfast Club: 8:15am - 8:45am - email office
- Children will receive a daily snack as well as their lunch.
- Reading books changed weekly.
- Weekly PE lessons - kit needed
- 'Open door' policy



Uniform

Boys – white polo shirt, royal blue sweatshirt, trousers/shorts, black school shoes.

Girls – white polo shirt, royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt, grey skirt or pinafore, black school shoes. Blue summer dresses and blue bows.

PE Kits – White T-shirt/polo shirt, black shorts, black pumps and a drawstring bag. Labelled water bottles.

Please label all items of uniform and bags, uniform can be ordered through the St Marys website.



Healthy School

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

- Government initiative for children to have a free hot meal or alternative on a daily basis.
- Eligibility is for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.
- Fruit and milk is available daily for children to access.
- Birthdays - sweet treats are not allowed, instead we encourage children to wear their own clothes as a birthday treat.



Application for Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Checking Eligibility

- Your child may be eligible for free school meals once entering Reception (regardless of the Universal Infant Free School Meals).
- We are encouraging all parents, to complete the forms.
- We will run this through the eligibility checking service. This will ensure your child is able to access free school meals throughout their time at St Marys.



The Early Years Curriculum

- Prime Areas
 - Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Physical Development
 - Communication and Language
- Specific Areas
 - Literacy
 - Maths
 - Understanding the World
 - Expressive Arts and Design
- Characteristics of Effective Learning





What does learning look like in Reception?

- Adult led focus times
 - Phonics, Writing, Maths and Wider Curriculum
- Continuous Provision
 - Child-led play with in the moment planning, teaching and learning







Characteristics of Effective Learning

- By playing and Exploring- Explorasaurus

Finding out and exploring
Playing with what they know
Being will to 'have a go'

- Through Active Learning- Activisaurus

Being involved and concentrating
Keep on trying if they encounter difficulties
Enjoy achievements

- By creating and Thinking Critically- Thinkadocus

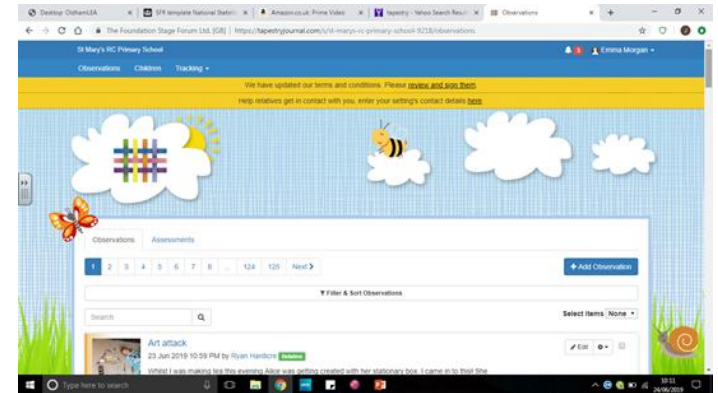
Have and develop their own ideas
Make links between ideas
Develop strategies for doing things





Tapestry

Tapestry is our online child's journal. In which parents are able to see, read and comment on their child's learning. This is unique to the EYFS and enables you to receive regular updates on your child. Parents are also able to add to their child's journal.





Your Role

Communication - Talking with your child about everything they do!

Toileting - ensuring your child is supported through the toileting process.

PSED - Promote sharing and turn taking as well as your child's independence.

Reading - Reading picture books with and to your child and supporting your child when they're learning to read with their school book and phonics videos. Teaching Nursery rhymes to develop rhyme and repetition.

Maths - pointing out numbers, shapes and patterns with mathematical language in the environment.



Administering Medicine

School can only administer long term medication, that has been prescribed by the doctor. Medication forms must be completed at the office.

- Inhalers
- Piriton
- Long term medication



If your child is unwell, school will contact you via the information you provide on the contact forms.



Attendance

- Absences - You must contact school before 9.30am for each day your child is absent.
- Appointments - Appointments should be made outside school time. If this is not possible, an appointment card or letter must be provided.
- Lates - If your child is late they will sign in through the school office.
- Holidays - Holidays are unauthorised during term-time. A form must be completed six weeks prior to the absence.



Parent Pay App

We are a cashless school. Payments for school meals, breakfast club, school trips etc are made using a system called 'ParentPay'.

During your child's first week in school they will bring home a letter with a temporary username and password, together with instructions on how to create your ParentPay account.



Starting in September

All children will receive a staggered timetable over the coming weeks detailing their Reception start.

EYFS Virtual tour:

http://www.st-marys.oldham.sch.uk/about_us/admissions/infant_admissions.html



Thank you for listening, any questions.

