



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Information for parents/carers
of Nursery children





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Meet the Team



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'Living and working as Jesus taught us.'



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Our School Vision

To be an outstanding school that:

- Successfully delivers a rich and broad-based curriculum that **INSPIRES** in our children a love of learning and an aspiration to fulfil their true potential
- Makes a positive contribution at the heart of our local community
- Ensures our children and staff are active, environmentally aware citizens making our school and parish proud in a culturally diverse society.



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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

EYFS is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. Children develop quickly in the early years and the experiences a child has up to the age of 5 have a major impact on a child's future life experiences.

At St Anne's Catholic Primary School our EYFS aims to ensure that our children learn and develop a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for a good future to progress through school and life.





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Areas of Learning and Development

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

The three **prime areas** are particularly important for developing communication skills, forming relationships and igniting a curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

Prime Areas

- Communication & Language
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The four **specific areas** help children to make sense of the world around them and develop skills and knowledge needed to ensure 'school readiness'.



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The development of a child's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development and is a key focus in our language rich Early Years setting.

Please be aware that dummies impair formation of speech sounds.
So please encourage your child to get rid of a dummy.





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Seesaw is an online digital portfolio that we use to record and document your child's development and progress. We can set tasks and post homework activities on here too. Please 'like' and make comments on posts.

We would encourage you to post any photos and videos of your child learning away from school which can be saved in their journal.

You can also access Family and School Announcements or inbox non-urgent messages to you child's teacher via the messages tab.

Please download the app and scan in your family and your child's QR code before your child starts school as we will use this to keep in touch with you over the summer.



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Catholic Life

We are proud to be a Catholic school and participate in daily prayers and reflection (Prayer and Liturgy). We currently follow the diocesan recommended RE syllabus which includes finding out about religions other than our own.



We also follow **Journey in Love** programme to teach Relationships Sex and Health Education (RSHE) throughout the school which is rooted in Catholic Church teaching.





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Archdiocesan Levy

All of our parents are expected to contribute fully to the Archdiocesan Levy to assist with the Capital Building Programme for Catholic Schools. This is a commitment which parents/carers undertake when sending their child to a Catholic school. The amount is currently £10 per family per year. This can be paid through our Parent Pay App.





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Healthy School

One of the prime areas of learning for children in Early Years includes making healthy choices about food and drink and we will be working hard to help them recognise and (hopefully) choose healthier food options.

Snack - examples, bell peppers/rice cakes and humus or tortilla and salsa dip or cereal with milk.

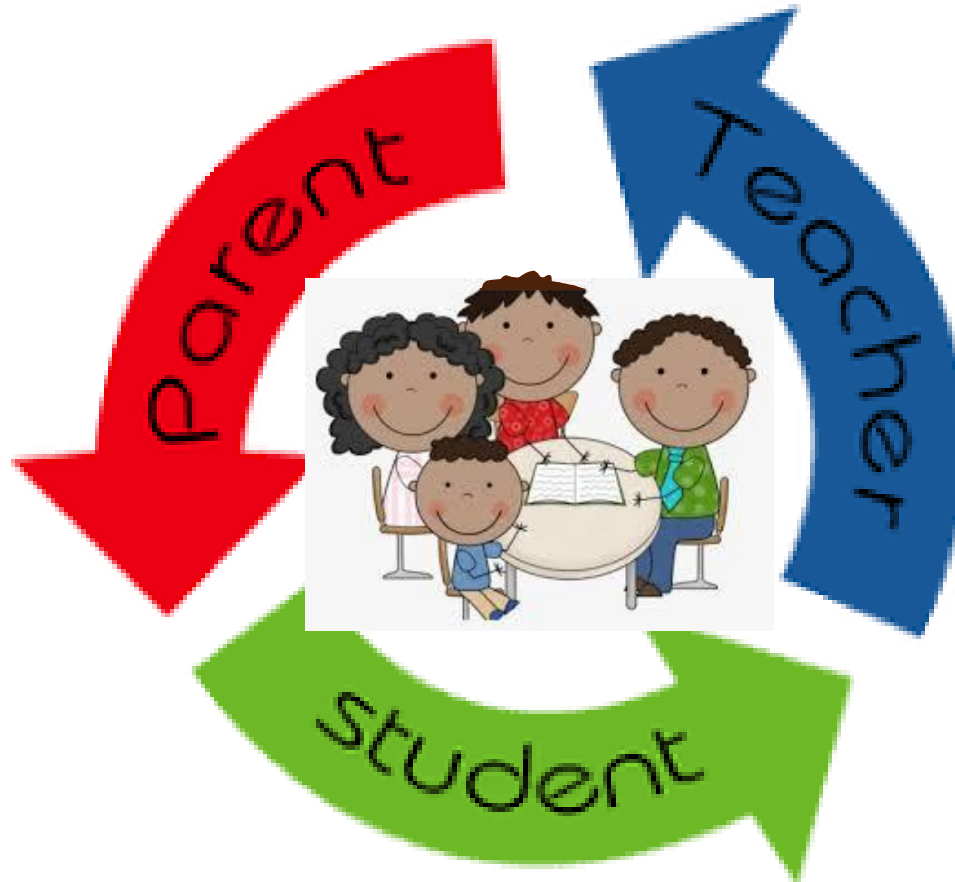
We offer the children a wide variety of fruit and vegetables daily and milk or water is available. We also encourage the children to sip water regularly throughout the day. School provides water bottles for each child that are sterilised daily.

We wish to limit the amount of sugar that children have access to in school and would encourage children eating a packed lunch to have just one small sugary treat per day.

With this in mind we do not accept cakes or sweets for birthday treats. Cakes or biscuits made in school will be sent home so families can monitor the sugar intake on that day.



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At St Anne's we strongly believe in 'Parents as Partners'. We are always here to support both you and your child and want to welcome you into our school community. We know that communication is key between home and school as you are the most influential teachers in your child's life. Please speak to a member of staff if you wish to discuss your child.



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Nursery Welcome Pack

The Nursery Welcome Pack has lots of information that you will need about your child starting St Anne's Catholic Primary School. All of our school policies are on our school website.

<http://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/>

Please complete and sign the relevant information sheets and return to school as soon as possible in preparation for the new school year.

Please check out our Nursery page on the school website. There are lots of helpful links to support you and your child as they prepare to start school.

Other Information

- Parents whose children are accessing our 30 hours nursery provision will need to pay £7.50 per week (£95 per term) towards the cost of snack and an extra 2.5 hours in our school setting.
- Snack will also be provided for children accessing 15 hours nursery provision at a cost of £3.00 per week. Both of these payments should be made in advance, initial payment is via the school office and subsequently via Parentpay.
- Please inform staff if your child has any medical needs - we are here to help! If your child is going to be absent, please inform school by telephoning the school office.



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Stay and Play

We will be holding a Stay and Play session for your child at the end of June.

This session will be a stay and play with parent(s) or a family member. This is an opportunity for your child to come and explore the setting and become familiar with our staff.

Dates will be forwarded to you in the near future. Please ensure you return the information sheets as soon as possible so we have current contact details and email addresses.

We will also be in contact with you to arrange a visit to your home, to help us get to know more about your child and their developmental journey.



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Induction Timetable

The first week of school for your child will have a staggered induction.

Week one W.B. 4th September -your child will begin by attending partial days (could be either morning or afternoon).

Week two W.B 11th September - your child will attend full school days. School gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am.

The induction timetable is in the Welcome Pack



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What you will need

Uniform - For a list of uniform please refer to our Welcome Pack or school website. Please be aware that children in Early Years have a PE based uniform and so do not have a separate summer uniform.

Wellies - In Early Years we aim to go out every day even when it's wet and muddy.

Shoes - please buy Velcro fastening to help develop your child's dressing independence.

PE bag - with 2 sets of spare clothing including underwear and socks.

Please ensure your child's name is on **EVERYTHING!** Including shoes and wellies.



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Top Tips to prepare your child for Nursery

A key aim in Nursery is to develop the Prime areas of Learning

- **Speaking and listening skills**
 - **Making relationships**
 - **Gross and fine motor skills**
 - **Independence**
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- **Things to encourage at home:**
 - Use the toilet independently and wash and dry hands (get out of nappies over the summer).
 - Dress themselves.
 - Put on and take off their own coat - Practise fastening zips, buttons and poppers.
 - Encourage your child to walk (where possible) to strengthen their gross motor muscles.
 - Carry their own bag.
 - Sharing with others and taking turns.
 - Eat with a knife and fork.
 - Recognise their own name.
 - Discourage dummies - as this can affect their speech



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Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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