



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Information for parents/carers
of Reception children





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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 has a major impact on the child's future life chances.

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.





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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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Baseline Assessment

The Department of Education introduced a statutory assessment process, which came into effect in September 2021, for children entering Reception. This is known as Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a short one to one* online assessment that will provide a 'snapshot' of what your child can do when they start school. This data will be used at school level to measure the progress of the year group from reception to when they leave us in year 6.

Reception Teachers will also take time during the first few weeks of school to get to know and find out about your child. What they like, dislike, what they already know and can do. We would value any contributions you would like to make in helping us get to know your child's needs.



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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.

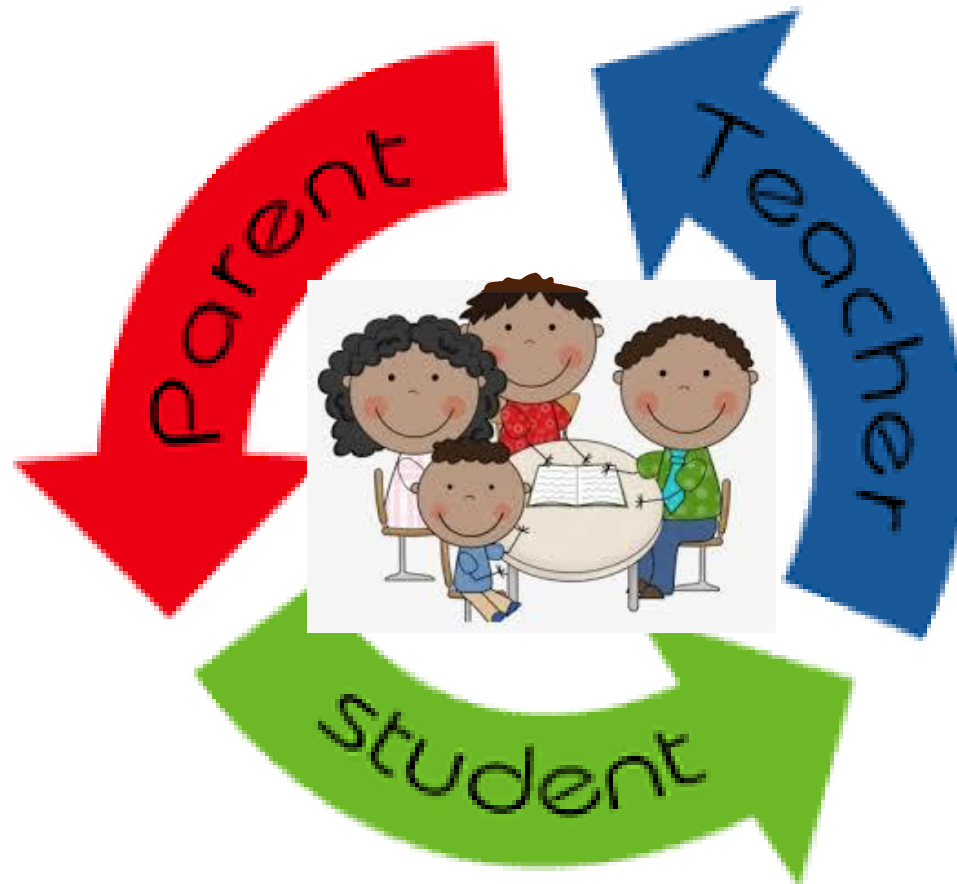
We offer our children a wide variety of fruit and vegetables daily and milk or water is always available. We also encourage the children to sip water regularly throughout the day.

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 further.



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Reception Welcome Pack

Our 'Reception Welcome Pack' includes lots of information about your child starting St Anne's Catholic Primary School.

Please complete and sign the relevant information sheets and return to school as soon as possible in preparation for the new school year September 2023.

All of our school policies are on our school website.

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

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



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Stay and Play

We will be holding two Stay and Play sessions for your child in July. The first session will be a stay and play with parents or family member. This is an opportunity for your child to come and explore the setting and become familiar with our staff.

The second, a shorter visit, will be an opportunity to drop your child off for approximately half an hour whilst parents/carers retreat to the school hall for a cup of tea.

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

We will also contact your child's current nursery/childcare provider to arrange a short visit 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 be a staggered induction.

Week one W.B. 4th September -your child starts their school journey by attending partial days (could be 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 each morning.

Your induction timetable is in the Welcome Pack



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What you will need

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

Wellies - In Reception 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 spare clothing including underwear and socks.

A water bottle will be provided for your child and they will be encouraged to sip water regularly throughout the day.

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



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Top Tips to prepare your child for Reception

A key aim in Reception is to develop independence, resilience and a motivation to have a go and to keep on trying.

- Encourage your child to be independent e.g. carry their own school bag/lunch box.
- Use the toilet independently and wash and dry their own hands.
- Dress themselves.
- Put on and take off their own coat - Practise fastening zips, buttons and poppers.
- Eat with a knife and fork.
- Recognise their own name.
- Write their own name (initial capital letter, then lowercase letters)
- Share with others and take turns
- The BBC Bitesize website has a great **Starting School** section with advice and suggestions on how to help prepare your child for school. There are some links on our school website on the Reception page.
- <http://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/classes/reception/>



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Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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