

Saint George's Catholic Primary School Enfield

Prospectus

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St. George's
Catholic Primary School

School Details

The information in this prospectus relates to the current school year and updates can be found on our school website

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"It is important to realise that the Catholic identity of our schools is not exclusively related to religious instruction and the integration of academic studies into a unified whole. The Catholic School has a single Christian vision, an integrated concept of what makes a fully authentic and mature human being. The educational process is not confined to the curriculum, nor to the academic, technical, artistic or sporting achievement of the school. The Catholic School should be seen as offering the possibility not only of exploring the mystery which God is but also demonstrating the Gospel in action. It must be consistent throughout and in every aspect reflect the Christian faith which is its soul, its inspiration and its justification"

'The Future for Catholic Schools'

Address by Cardinal Hume:

19 September 1988.

Headteacher's Message

Thank you for showing an interest in St. George's, a happy, thriving and popular school. I have great pleasure in introducing our current school brochure, which I hope you will find informative and useful in answering any questions you may have about our school. Although it contains factual information, it will also give you a little flavour of life at St George's.

We believe that school life must be a partnership between home, school and parish. Children need to be aware of their parents and teachers working together. It gives them security and confidence which they need if they are to develop good attitudes to learning. As parents you are the foremost educators of your children and your support is vital for your child's learning in school.

Our faith is at the heart of our school and it drives all our relationships, policies and practices. We believe that children should be encouraged to work hard and do their best, become independent and self-confident as learners and that they should be encouraged to develop a set of core moral values, based on the teachings of Jesus. We also believe that these core values will help children to develop as young people and prepare them for the contributions that they will make in the work place and communities during their adult lives. Regardless of faith background, we recognise the unique nature of each child and celebrate what every individual adds to our school family.

If you would like to arrange a visit to see the school in action, please contact the school office and they will be pleased to make an appointment for you. You can now book an appointment online through our website for one of our open days to see the school in action.



Yours sincerely

Mr P O'Rourke *Headteacher*

In everything we do today we're following Jesus and His way.

Our Mission Statement

Following Jesus and His way, we

Aim to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

Inspire each other to learn, play and pray

Together as children, staff, home and Parish. We grow in

Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.

Our School Aims

- Encourage the spiritual development and prayer life of each child and help them to develop their relationship with God.
- Offer a place where differences and problems are talked through and prayed through together and where success is shared and celebrated.
- Provide a secure and happy environment where quality teaching and learning can take place
- Deliver a curriculum that meets the intellectual, physical and creative needs of each child as well as delivering spiritual, emotional and pastoral care.
- Foster a respect for diversity, and recognise the rights of others, regardless of gender, race or ability and to offer equal opportunities to all, whilst ensuring the promotion of British values.
- Value the contribution of home, school, parish, community and diocese in our daily lives.



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General Information

The school is 'three-form entry' (three classes in each year group) situated close to Enfield Town. It is part of the Enfield Deanery within the Diocese of Westminster. The buildings originally date from 1938 but there have been many changes and additions over the years. We have two halls for PE, one of which also serves as an assembly hall and dining hall. We have two playgrounds boasting lovely play equipment. We are now the proud owners of a beautiful new library and also have our popular Reading Garden in the Key Stage 2 play area. Our Early Years children, including our newly-opened nursery, also have a dedicated outdoor learning space. Our Oratory and Rosary Garden provide calm spaces for quiet prayer and reflection.

School Structure

Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery, Reception Classes

Key Stage 1 – Year 1, Year 2

Key Stage 2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

School Hours



<i>Gates open</i>	<i>8.45am, lessons start at 9am</i>
<i>Breaktime</i>	<i>15 mins mid-morning</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12 – 1pm (KS1, lowerKS2)</i>
	<i>12.30 – 1.30pm (upper KS2)</i>
<i>School ends</i>	<i>3.30pm</i>

At the beginning of the day our school gates open at 8.45am. We operate a 'soft start', meaning that children go straight to their classrooms where activities are available until learning starts at 9am. School ends at 3.30pm.

The school needs to be informed of who is normally responsible for collecting your child. Please notify the class teacher or the school office if there is a change to the arrangements for collecting your child.

School Uniform

School uniform looks smart and also contributes to a feeling of belonging to our community. We specify colours and types of garments, but to keep costs lower for parents, there is not a particular supplier that the uniform must be purchased from, with the exception of the school tie which is purchased from the office. Smiths Schoolwear (Lancaster Rd, Enfield) supply our uniform, and we particularly recommend the lovely school fleeces, jumpers and polo shirts boasting the new school logo.

PE Kit

PE kit is worn all day on a child's PE days.

Admissions

The school admits 60 children each year to the reception year group. More information on admissions can be found on the web site or by contacting the school office by e-mail or phone. The admissions policy is available on the school website and parents should familiarise themselves with the admissions criteria within it. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15th 2024.

It is very important that parents submit an online application to the London Borough of Enfield (www.eadmissions.org.uk) and also a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) obtained from the parish and returned to the school.

If you have recently moved into the area and require an in-year admission, you need to follow a similar process. Advice and guidance is provided on the London Borough of Enfield admissions website.

School Inspection

The most recent school Ofsted report (2019) and Diocesan inspection report (2018) are available from the school website, or from the school office. We were awarded a 'good' inspection judgement by Ofsted, and an outstanding/ good judgement by the Diocese.

Learning and the Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Children in Reception follow a programme of work planned from the Foundation Stage Curriculum which incorporates seven areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design.

In the Foundation Stage we place a strong emphasis on learning through structured play, helping children to become more independent as learners and becoming accustomed to school routines and practices.

The school attaches great importance to good relationships between home, school and the parish. We consider our school to be a community of people providing a rich Christian environment within which all children can prosper in their learning.

Key Stages 1 and 2 The National Curriculum is a framework used by all maintained schools to ensure that teaching and learning is broad, balanced and consistent. The document sets out:

- The subjects taught
- The knowledge, skills and understanding in each subject
- Standards of attainment in each subject
- How progress is assessed and measured

As a Catholic school we ensure that Religious Education is at the heart of our curriculum alongside the other core subjects of English, mathematics and science. We are proud to offer dedicated, specialist teaching in the foundation subjects of Spanish, PE and music for both key stages. History, geography, art and design, design and technology, and computing are also foundation subjects that we teach as part of our broad, balanced curriculum.

Details of curriculum coverage is on our school website in order to keep parents as informed as possible.

Special Educational Needs

We believe that each pupil has individual and unique needs, and we aim to help all children to do their best, achieve well and make good progress. However, some pupils require more support than others to help them achieve. If a child is experiencing continuing difficulties with their work or behaviour their situation will be discussed with parents and the special needs co-ordinator (SENCO).

The school has a number of intervention strategies to support pupils needing additional help. Occasionally and where difficulties are more severe, the school will seek the support and advice of an Educational Psychologist. The school is proud to have recently developed a Nurture Room for the benefit of pupils who need this provision.

The school's special needs policy can be found on the school website.



Extra-Curricular Activities

A programme of clubs runs throughout the school year. Some of these clubs run at lunch time, some after school, and some before school. They are designed to add a further dynamic aspect to our curriculum. They include sport, languages, cookery, dance, drama, chess, computing, maths and music.



Breakfast and After School Provision

Breakfast Club

The school runs a Breakfast Club from 7.45am each morning in St George's Hall (Scout Hut!). There is a modest cost for this activity. It is a very popular provision and spaces fill up quickly. As well as games and activities, the children receive a nutritious breakfast. Staff from the breakfast club will take the children into school for the beginning of the school day.

After School Provision (ASP)

This club runs from 3.30pm until 6pm each afternoon. Again, it is popular and spaces fill quickly. There is a charge for this provision which includes a healthy snack at the end of the school day school before transferring to St George's Hall. Parents can collect their children at any time before 6pm. Children participating in after school clubs will be taken to the ASP if they are booked in.

Travelling to School

Travelling to school by car can be stressful and not always time efficient. The school is keen wherever possible to promote alternatives to the car as a means of travelling to and from school. To this end we support the national walking to school initiative and are currently utilising funding to develop the cycle parking at the school entrance. We also have scooter storage facilities to encourage active ways of getting to school.

Pastoral Care

All staff at St George's are focused on the nurturing the individual needs of their children. We aim to make the children feel valued and cared for. A recent example of this in action is our Wellbeing Room that is run by and available for pupils during busy lunch times.

Prayer and collective worship are the heartbeat of our school and all relationships are based on Gospel values. At all times we promote an atmosphere of welcome, positive encouragement, trust, praise and forgiveness. Our behaviour 'golden rules' have been developed with this ethos in mind.

Behaviour (Golden Rules)

1. In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and His way

2. We listen to all adults

We do what they ask us to do and we don't interrupt or answer back.

3. We walk around the school quietly and sensibly

We walk on the left hand side of the corridors. We don't come into the building at break time or lunchtime unless we have permission from an adult.

4. We work hard and try our best

We don't distract others.

5. We are gentle

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

6. We are kind and respectful

In everything we do today we're following Jesus and His way.

We treat others how we wish to be treated. We choose our words carefully and we always say sorry and forgive one another. We always tell the truth.

7. We play together nicely

We let others join in our games. We don't leave anyone out.

Expectations for good behaviour are high at St George's and the behaviour for learning throughout the classrooms is exceptional. All parents are asked to sign a home-school agreement. A school-wide behaviour strategy enables children to achieve certificates and rewards for following the golden rules. Each week, some children from each class are nominated by their teacher to receive a special merit in assembly, have their name in the newsletter and their parents receive a special text.

Food

It is vitally important that all parents remember that St George's is a **nut-free** school.

Morning Snack

Children in Reception and key stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit each day which they have at their mid-morning break. Children in key stage 2 are allowed to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to school, which they can eat at morning break.

Water

Children should bring a filled, reusable plastic water bottle with them each day. It should be clearly labelled and taken home at the end of the day. Drinking water is available in the playground and is served with school lunch.

School Lunch

Meals are prepared on the school premises by a catering team from Taylor Shaw, a professional catering company. They offer a well-balanced and nutritious menu which is available on the school website. There is a choice of hot meals and a vegetarian option as well as a choice of dessert. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please complete a form and a menu can be designed for them.

Universal Free School Meals

All children at school (Reception to Year 6) are entitled to a free school meal. This initiative is aimed at improving the eating habits in children and improving their performance at school. If you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals, it is still worth applying as funding can be released to the school to spend on the children. Please contact the school office for further information.

Packed Lunches

If your child chooses to bring their own lunch to school, we ask that you ensure that they are healthy and do not include sweets, fizzy drinks or nuts/ nut-based products.

And Finally...

We thank you for taking the time to visit St George's. We are very proud of our school and hope that you feel it is the place for your child to begin their educational journey. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

There is lots more information on our school website

www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk

and you can keep up to date with our activities on our X (Twitter) account

@stgeorges_head

