



Prospectus 2019/2020

St Peter's Catholic Primary

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Mrs J. Farrelly
Head Teacher

This prospectus has been put together by the children, staff, and governors of the school. We hope that it helps you gain a better understanding of how our school is organised, and to appreciate the exciting opportunities on offer to children in our care. All schools have their own distinctive 'feel' which makes each one unique. We believe that the 'special feel' at St Peter's Catholic Primary is a welcoming atmosphere where we value each child as a unique member of God's family. We work together to help all of our children to reach their own individual potential within the caring community atmosphere.

The school was last inspected by Ofsted 21st March 2019 when we were judged with an overall effectiveness grade of good. The inspection report highlighted that *'St Peter's is a school committed to providing an inclusive school where every child can flourish!'*

I am extremely proud to lead a team that is committed to providing the very best opportunities for the children in our care. Staff, supported by governors, work hard to deliver a rich and challenging curriculum: to prepare children for future education; and to help them acquire the skills and enthusiasm needed to pursue learning for the rest of their lives.

The best way to find out about our school is to come and visit, to see our school in action and meet staff and children. A telephone call to the school office on 0151 677 8434 is all that is needed to arrange this.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school, and to a happy and successful partnership with all our new children and families

Mrs Julie Farrelly

Head Teacher

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In Joy and Hope. In joy we live together, in hope we build for the future.

OUR ETHOS

The Catholic faith is central to the day to day life of our school and to all aspects of the curriculum. It is not an added extra which we offer our pupils. In delivering the curriculum the school recognises the uniqueness of each child and respects the value, dignity and individuality of each child. The School is committed to close collaboration both with parents and parish to offer the highest standards of academic, social, moral and religious education closely linked to the child's own potential. The school encourages independence through active learning in an atmosphere of happy mutual respect between staff and pupils for the personal good of the child, the good of the school and parish community.

Our school aims to provide a Catholic education for our children which gives them all equal opportunity to develop fully and realise their potential. We acknowledge each child as unique and worthwhile, and seek to foster self-esteem. We encourage each and every child to access all areas of the curriculum. We aim to develop in our children positive attitudes and values towards themselves and others. We seek, as a staff, to be versatile in our planning, resourcing and management of the school curriculum both formal and hidden.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL RULES

Within St Peter's we have developed our school rules through consultation between children and staff. Good behaviour is recognised and rewarded in school during our celebration assemblies. Excellent behaviour is recognised by giving children an ambassador role within school.

Our rules are:

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESILIENT
BE READY TO LEARN



About Our School

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Primary School for pupils of either sex.

Detailed information about the school is available from the Headteacher.

Children start Foundation 2 at school within the academic year (September to August) in which they reach the age of 5 years.

Children can apply to join Foundation 1 from the age of 2 if places are available.

The information in this prospectus relates to the school year 2019/2020 and although correct at the time of publication it should not be assumed that there will be no changes before the start date, or during the school year 2019/2020.

JOINING THE SCHOOL

Administration of admission to Foundation 1 (2 and 3 year provision) is dealt with directly by school. For an admission form please contact the school office.

Successfully gaining a place in Foundation 1 does not automatically guarantee your child a place in Foundation 2.

Administration of admission to Foundation 2 (Reception) is dealt with centrally by the Local Authority. Online application forms are available from www.schooladmissions.wirral.gov.uk For further information please visit our school website www.stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk, where you will find our full admissions policy.

ORGANISATION

Children can apply to join Foundation 1 from the age of 2 if places are available.

Children start Foundation 2 in the academic year (September to August) within which they reach the age of 5 years.

There are 8 age groups in St Peter's Catholic Primary. Vertical grouping (the presence of more than one year group in the class) may be used out of necessity during some school years.



AGE		STAGE
2-3 Years	Foundation 1	Early Years
4-5 Years	Foundation 2	
5-6 Years	Year 1/2	Key Stage 1
6-7 Years		
7-8 Years	Year 3/4	Key Stage 2
8-9 Years		
9-10 Years	Year 5	
10-11 Years	Y6	

Curriculum

The school offers a creative child centred approach to teaching and learning. Each pupil is accepted as his/her own level of development and is provided with a carefully structured programme of learning that promotes self dependence.



The National Curriculum is taught at Key Stage 1 and 2 (and Early Years Foundation Stage where appropriate). This includes the teaching of English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, Computing, Geography, History, Art & Design, Design & Technology, Music, Physical Education and Languages. The Modern Foreign language currently taught within school is French.

St Peter's is a Roman Catholic Primary School and as such has designed its curriculum to enable pupils to grow in every way to Christian maturity. Prayer, sacramental celebrations, assemblies and Personal and Social Education play an important part in our curriculum.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Choir, dance, drama, art, computing, gardening, cookery and sport clubs are amongst the range of activities offered to children who attend our after-school and lunch time clubs. This wide range of clubs are held at different times during the school year depending upon a range of factors including weather and hall availability.

Sports coaches also offer a range of clubs during the year including Tennis, Rugby, Football and Multi Skills.

SCHOOL VISITS

School trips are an integral part of the education of children at St Peter's. We value the opportunities such visits offer our pupils and the commitment of staff and adults undertaking them. Trips include class visits aimed at bringing learning alive and providing first-hand experience; extra-curricular outings such as activities with the school choir or sporting events; and attending or taking part in performances or competitions.

Year 5 and 6 pupils also have the opportunity to visit Oakland's or Barnstondale, both of which are outdoor activity residential holiday.

This is planned to provide new and exciting experiences, such as orienteering, climbing, abseiling, raft building, gorge walking and lots more.



HOMEWORK

Homework can make an important contribution to a child's progress at school. As well as reinforcing learning in the classroom, homework helps children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful independent lifelong learning.

INCLUSION AND EQUALITY

At St Peter's Catholic Primary School we believe that every child is unique and special. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all. We are committed to developing cultures, policies and practices that are inclusive.

We have systems in place to identify children who have barriers that may affect their learning and tailor specific interventions to enable pupils to overcome their barriers. This practice of personalising learning applies to all pupils across the learning spectrum including pupils who are identified as academically more able.

Where children are identified as needing additional learning or behaviour support, special programmes of work, person centred plans or health care plans are drawn up and regularly evaluated to meet their needs. Early identification is vital to the process. With this in mind, the school has secured the support of our SENDCo from the teaching staff, SENATT, Educational Psychological Services, Health and Learning Support Services.

EDUCATION IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Sex and Relationships education is not a separate school subject, but in broader and more general sense is integrated into the curriculum under various other headings. The staff are alert to the needs of children in this regard, especially as they mature and approach the end of their time at this school. Through collaboration between school staff, parents and our School Nurse, children are equipped with appropriate knowledge and understanding in accordance with their years and emotional development.



Our Year 6 Pupils working on their team building skills

Other information

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their children's education. The school uses formal and informal approaches to inform parents of their children's progress and development.

Parents are welcome to discuss the progress of their child with the class teacher. An appointment is necessary to ensure the availability of the member of staff. On a more formal basis there are two opportunities for parents to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher during parents evenings.

An annual report is also sent to each parent.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

What a child wears to school is often reflected in his or her attitude to learning and sense of belonging. It also portrays the school ethos and shared positive values. We are introducing a smart but simple uniform that we encourage all pupils to wear.

St Peter's school uniform consists of:

- Blue/white polo shirt or shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or V-neck jumper
- Slate grey (dark) trousers
- Tartan skirt/Pinafore
- Black shoes or completely plain black trainers
- Burgundy and blue striped tie



In addition to this, children may wear grey shorts or a blue summer dress when the weather becomes warmer.

For P.E. and games children should be provided with a pair of black shorts and a white t-shirt. For indoor games children should have a suitable pairs of slip-on pumps or trainers.

Jewellery: Stud earrings can be worn in pierced ears. Other than watches, no other jewellery is permitted.

Please ensure all of your children's items are clearly marked with their name.

SCHOOL MEALS

As a result of the introduction of Universal Free School Meals, all children in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free, hot school meal each day.

For children in Key Stage 2, the daily charge for a school meal is £2.40. The total weekly cost of meals must be paid on the first day of the week that the child attends school. Parents may be exempt from paying for these meals if they are in receipt of one of a range of entitled benefits. Applications for free school meals can be made via the school office.

MILK

School milk is provided free for all children under 5 and older children whose parents are in receipt of free school meals (not universal free school meals). For other children, milk may be purchased via Cool Milk. This must be paid at least a week in advance via coolmilk.com. Applications for free school milk can be made via the school office.

HEALTHY EATING

We are an accredited Healthy Eating school and are committed to promoting and monitoring healthy food at break and lunch times.



Children have the opportunity to buy bagels or waffles at breaktime from the school kitchen at a cost of 50p.

ABSENCES

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please telephone the school office to let us know on the first morning of absence. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea we ask that they do not return to school for 48 hours as this type of illness can be very infectious.

Parents are asked not to take holidays in term time. DfE legislation states that any holidays taken during term time can not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and may lead to prosecution by the local authority, resulting in a fine.

To encourage high levels of attendance, children are awarded certificates and medals at the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer for 100% attendance. We also give a weekly Attendance Award to the class with the highest attendance and punctuality. Results of this are also posted on St Peter's Facebook page.

TOAST CLUB

St Peter's runs a Toast Club each morning from 8am until 9am where the children from **Foundation 1 to Year 6** can take part in various activities and eat a breakfast before school starts. The cost of the club is £1 per day.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

In accordance with Section 23 of the 1988 Education Reform Act, the Wirral Education Authority has adopted a procedure to deal with complaints about the curriculum. Most complaints are settled quickly and informally at school level.

The complaints procedure exists for those who also wish to pursue a complaint through more formal channels. A copy of the complaint procedure is available from the school or via our school website.

TRANSFER

St Peter's Catholic Primary is a 'partner' school for St John Plessington High School, Bebington. We also have children transferring to Upton Hall Convent, St Anselm's School, Wirral Grammar School, West Kirby Grammar School, Ridgeway High School, Woodchurch High School, Prenton High School and The Birkenhead Park School.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Parents who may be exempt from the necessity of paying for school meals or milk are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this entitlement, even if their child receives a Universal Free School Meal. Schools receive a sizeable Pupil Premium payment each year for any child entitled to Free School Milk and Meals. This funding is used to provide additional opportunities and resources for the children. The money is only given to schools if parents have made a successful application for Free School Meals. There is no risk of embarrassment to the children.

SCHOOL WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Further information about our school can be accessed via our school website. The address is: www.stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk. We can also be found on Facebook by searching 'St Peter's Catholic Primary Noctorum'.

COMMUNITY LINKS

St Peter's has numerous well established links with the local community including counsellor surgeries.

St Peter's Members of Staff

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	
Mrs J. Farrelly	Headteacher, Safeguarding lead
Mrs L. Gorry	Deputy Headteacher, Safeguarding lead
Mrs C. Smith	Business Manager, Family Liaison, Safeguarding lead
TEACHING STAFF	
Miss L. James	Foundation 1 teacher
Miss N. Cary	Foundation 2 teacher
Mrs D. Beesley	Year 1/2 teacher
Miss S. Harrison	Year 3/4 teacher
Mr G. Bond	Year 5 teacher
Mrs L. Gorry	Year 6 teacher
Mrs C. Shardlow	Foundation Stage teaching team
Mrs S. Evans	Foundation Stage teaching team
Miss C. Batty	Key Stage 1 teaching team *
Mrs J. Wallace	Key Stage 1 and 2 teaching team *
Miss C. Rowlands	Key Stage 2 teaching team
Mrs P. Winston	Key Stage 2 teaching team, Key Stage 2 interventions
* setting exists in school to personalise learning opportunities for children	
ADMIN STAFF	
Mrs C. Smith	Business Manager, Family Liaison, Health & Safety lead
Mr S. Gregson	School Administrator, Attendance Officer

St Peter's Governing Body

Governors play an integral role in our school and there are several committees that meet regularly to support the management of different aspects of the school.

If you would like further information about our Governing body please contact Mrs C. Smith, Clerk to Governors.

LA APPOINTED GOVERNOR

Mrs H. Robinson Chair of Governors

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Mr A. Malley Vice Chair of Governors

Mr D. Richmond

Mrs S. Evans

Mrs T. Cleugh

Mr P. Sharp

Mr J. Cuffe

HEADTEACHER GOVERNOR

Mrs J. Farrelly

PARENT GOVERNORS

Mrs S. Dowd

STAFF GOVERNOR

Mr S. Gregson

CO-OPTED GOVERNORS

Fr J. Hovington

Mr S. Dodd

CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Mrs C. Smith

A Message from our Chair of Governors

"Thank you for reading our prospectus. After a very successful OFSTED inspection, our school continues to improve, excelling in our inclusion strategies and Foundation Stage. We strive to provide a Catholic education through support of both parents and our parish to enable every child to experience new opportunities, reach their full potential, feeling valued and unique.

We hope you put your trust in St Peter's in providing a positive school journey, for your child and family. In joy and hope."



Mrs H. Robinson, Chair of Governors meeting
HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Term Dates 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019	
School Opens	Monday 2nd September
School Closes	Friday 25th October
Half Term	Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November
School Opens	Monday 4th November
School Closes	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January
SPRING TERM 2020	
School Opens	Monday 6th January
School Closes	Friday 14th February
Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February
School Open	Monday 24th February
Schools Closes	Friday 3rd April
Easter Bank Holidays	Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April
SUMMER TERM 2020	
School Open	Monday 20th April
May Day	Monday 4th May
School Closes	Friday 22nd May
Half Term	Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May
School Open	Monday 1st June
School Closes	Monday 20th July

5 inset days to be announced

