



Prospectus 2018/2019

St Peter's Catholic Primary

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Mrs J. Farrelly
Headteacher

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 in February 2015 when we were judged to be 'Good' in all key areas of inspection, and in our overall effectiveness of provision. The inspection report said, *'From their starting points, pupils make good progress due to good teaching.'* The report also said, *'The school is particularly successful at helping pupils who have experienced difficulties in their lives. Staff are remarkably skilful at supporting pupils, and their families, to face and overcome problems and to make the most of opportunities that school and education offers. Pupils who find it difficult to manage their emotions and behaviour get expert advice and support at St Peter's. They are nurtured and helped to grow into calmer individuals who feel good about themselves and what they can achieve.'*

I am extremely proud to lead a team that is committed to achieving high standards and 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

Headteacher

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 include:

- **S**HARE YOUR FRIENDSHIP
- **T**HINK, DO YOU HAVE PERMISSION
- **P**OLITENESS COUNTS
- **E**NJOY LEARNING
- **T**REAT EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING WITH RESPECT
- **E**VERYONE MATTERS
- **R**EMEMBER TO DO YOUR BEST
- **S**MILE, KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

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 2018/2019 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 2018/2019.

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 Foundation Stage |
| 4-5 Years | Foundation 2 | |
| 5-6 Years | Year 1 | Key Stage 1 |
| 6-7 Years | Y2/Y3 | |
| 7-8 Years | | Key Stage 2 |
| 8-9 Years | Y4/Y5 | |
| 9-10 Years | | |
| 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 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 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

St Peter's will be 50 years old this year and as a celebration we will be updating our 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 dresses 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 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 2 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 and children's Sunday Club.

St Peter's Members of Staff

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| 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 |
| Mrs S. Shardlow | Foundation 1/2 teaching team |
| Mrs S. Evans | Foundation 1 teaching team |
| Miss N. Cary | Foundation 2 teacher |
| Mr G. Bond | Year 1 teacher |
| Miss C. Rowlands | Year 1 teaching team |
| Miss C. Batty | Year 1 teaching team |
| Mrs D. Beesley | Year 2/3 teacher * |
| Mrs J. Wallace | Year 2/3 teaching team * |
| Miss S. Harrison | Year 4/5 teaching teacher * |
| Mrs P. Winston | Year 4/5 teaching team, HUB, interventions * |
| Mrs L. Gorry | Year 6 teacher * |
| Mrs D. Wilson | Year 6 teaching team, HLTA * |
| * setting exists in school to personalise learning opportunities for children | |
| ADMIN STAFF | |
| Miss C. Hughes | Business Manager, Family Liaison, Health & Safety lead |
| Mr S. Gregson | School Administrator, Attendance Officer |

St Peter's Governing Body

There are 12 posts in our 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

Fr. J. Hovington

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

Mr S. Dodd

STAFF GOVERNOR

Mr S. Gregson

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 2018/2019

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| AUTUMN TERM 2018 | |
| Staff Inset Day | Monday 3 th September 2018 |
| School Opens to Children | Tuesday 4 th September 2018 |
| School Closes | Friday 19 th October 2018 |
| Half Term | Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October 2018 |
| Staff Inset Day | Monday 29 th October 2018 |
| School Opens to Children | Tuesday 30 th October 2018 |
| School Closes | Friday 21 st December 2018 |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday 24 th December -Friday 4 th January |
| SPRING TERM 2019 | |
| School Opens to Children | Monday 7 th January 2019 |
| School Closes | Friday 15 th February 2019 |
| Half Term | Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 th February 2019 |
| Staff Inset Day | Monday 25 th February 2019 |
| School Open to Children | Tuesday 26 th February 2019 |
| Schools Closes | Friday 29 th March 2019 |
| Easter Bank Holidays | Monday 1 st April - Friday 12 th April 2019 |
| SUMMER TERM 2019 | |
| School Open to Children | Monday 15 th April 2019 |
| School Closed to children (polling station) | Thursday 2 nd May 2019 |
| May Day | Monday 6 th May 2019 |
| School Closes | Friday 24 th May 2019 |
| Half Term | Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019 |
| Staff Inset Day | Monday 3 rd June 2019 |
| School Open to Children | Tuesday 4 th June 2019 |
| School Closes | Wednesday 24 th July 2019 |

