

# Welcome to Notre Dame Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

**September 2020**



**Catholic School**

**Welcome to**  
**Notre Dame Primary School**  
***LEARNING TOGETHER, LOVING GOD***

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child into the Reception class. We want this to be the beginning of a happy, secure and successful time for you and your child and our aim is to develop a supportive partnership where we can all work together. We recognise that starting school can be an anxious time for parents and children. The aim of this booklet is to provide you with information and advice to make your child's transition into school as smooth as possible.

# Getting Ready for School

As a parent or family member you are your child's first and most important educators. The support you give your children has an enormous influence on their achievements. When children know their teachers and parents are interested, they are more likely to be successful learners.

Here are some of the things that you can do to support your child's learning:

- Recognising their name.
- Recognising letters and numbers in the environment.
- Singing lots of songs and rhymes.
- Listening games - what can you hear?
- Drawing, colouring, making and any physical activity.
- Talking about thoughts and feelings.
- Sharing a book.
- Encouraging your child to have a go at something new and develop independence.
- Lots of praise.
- Dressing and undressing independently.

# Useful Skills

When your child starts school it would be helpful if they could do these things:

- Take off their coat and hang it up.
- Put on coat and fasten it.
- Change shoes.
- Dress and undress.
- Use a knife and fork.
- Use the toilet independently.
- Wash and dry hands.
- Share toys and take turns.
- Help to tidy toys away.

# Meet the Reception Staff



This is Miss Hearne  
*Reception Teacher &  
Foundation Stage  
Lead*



This is Miss Solway  
*Reception Class  
Teacher*

# Meet the Reception Staff



This is Mrs Fallaize  
*Learning Support  
Assistant*



This is Mrs Welbourne  
*Learning Support  
Assistant*

# Meet the Staff



This is Mrs  
Robertshaw  
*Headteacher*



This is Mrs Cable  
*Deputy  
Headteacher &  
SENCO*



This is Mrs Batiste  
*Admin Officer*

# The Infant Building



This is the gate where we come into school

This is the infant playground where Reception and Year 1&2 play at lunchtime and playtime



Reception children will come through this door into the classroom in the morning





This is the corridor which leads to the Reception classrooms. We hang our coats up and put our lunch boxes here

This is one of the Reception classrooms



This is the school hall where we have assembly, eat our lunch at lunchtime and where we have PE

**If you have any questions  
about your child's transition to  
Notre Dame, please do not  
hesitate to contact us**

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**We look forward to meeting  
you properly soon**