



Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Early Years Foundation Stage
Parents/Guardians Information Booklet
2023-2024

Our Early Years Foundation Stage will provide a quality learning experience that enables every child to become a happy, confident, independent learner and a positive member of Holy Family Catholic School Community.

Nursery Teaching Staff

Mrs Felton	Teacher
Mrs Wright	Teaching Assistant
Miss Akhtar	Teaching Assistant

General Information

Address	Holy Family Catholic Primary School Coventry Road Small Heath Birmingham B10 OHT
Telephone	0121 675 2670
Headteacher	Mrs King
Chair of Governors	*Mrs L Mockler

Please see our School Prospectus for more detailed information.

Early Years Fund

The custom at Holy Family School is to ask parents to contribute £1.00 per week for school fund; the contribution is made in full for the half-term (£5-£7 depending on number of weeks). A class fund payment will be set up each half term on your School Gateway app. This enables us to buy extra materials and equipment to enhance the children's learning activities as well as providing Christmas and Easter Gifts for your children.

Nursery Uniform

When children enter the Nursery class they will be given a black logo sweatshirt. Parents are required to provide a yellow polo shirt and dark joggers or trousers for their child - these are available to purchase from any local supermarket.

Children should wear sensible shoes with Velcro fasteners. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Jewellery of any kind is not permitted.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery with the exception of stud earrings if your child has pierced ears
- Sweets, crisps, chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not allowed.
- Milk and fruit are available for nursery and reception children daily.
- Children are not allowed to bring toys into school.
- It would be helpful if you could provide a box of tissues to be used in your child's class.
- Children do sometimes take things from the classroom to play with at home. Please return any items that you might find your child has in his/her possession.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

At Holy Family we support the principle that a broad and balanced curriculum promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils. We aim to prepare our pupil for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

At Holy Family we provide a "play" based curriculum for our Nursery children. Teaching and learning is planned to ensure that children are actively engaged and progress through a range of challenging learning experiences. The curriculum for learning is planned across seven areas of learning and delivered with the insight of the children's current interests:

- **Personal Social and Emotional Development** - learning to share, take turns, understand right and wrong and say sorry.
- **Communication and Language** - speaking, listening and understanding.
- **Physical Development** - developing early skills in gross and fine motor control with an understanding of how to develop a healthy lifestyle.
- **Literacy** - learning how to read and write.
- **Mathematics** - counting, number recognition, shape, space and measure including money and time.
- **Understanding the World** - observing changes to living things and within the environment. Exploring and finding out about God's world. Using Information Technology and age appropriate software.
- **Expressive Arts and Design** - art, design, music and dance.

Religious Education in the Early Years Foundation Stage

At Holy Family Catholic School, we teach children to respect other faiths. Our teaching follows the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE Strategy 'Learning and growing as the people of God.'
Your child will join in regularly planned worship in a way that is appropriate to his/her age and understanding.

Supporting your child at home

The most effective way you can support your child at home is to always take time to listen, encourage him/her to talk, read stories regularly, play together and go out together.

Each term parents will receive a 'Termly Learning Overview' which will explain the planned learning for your child that term.

Observation is the main form of assessment for learning and class teachers will report on each child's progress at parents evening.

Nursery Lunchtime

Children are encouraged to have a school dinner to help prepare them for school and eating with their friends. School meals are £2.40 per day (unless your child is eligible for free school meals) and payable via School Gateway App. Alternatively, you can provide a healthy packed lunch for your child (no fizzy drinks, chocolate or crisps).

There is a wide choice of healthy vegetarian food. Good manners are encouraged and children are expected to eat with a knife and fork. Please teach your child to use a knife and fork independently.

Medical Information

It is the parent's duty to inform the school by completing our 'Medical Form' if your child has any specific medical needs as this information is very important.

We also employ our own nurse, Nurse Jo who is available for half a day every other week if you have concerns you would like to discuss with her.

Head lice can be a difficulty at times. The most effective way of preventing head lice is to wash your child's hair regularly and comb it once or twice a day with a fine-toothed head lice comb (available from any chemist).

Starting school is a big step for most children.

Parents are encouraged to take time to settle their child happily into their class. We want your child to feel secure about starting school.

If you have any concerns please speak with the class teacher.



See our School Prospectus for more information about Holy Family Catholic School

Holy Family School Prayer and School Mission

Our School is shared with all pupils, staff and parents and our children will come to know and understand that as members of the Holy Family Catholic School Community...

We live, love and learn together in the light of God by...

praying together

learning together

playing together

and

respecting each other.

Amen

Holy Family Catholic School Mission Statement

As God's family we work together as brothers and sisters in a safe, happy and compassionate environment. We take pride in everything we do ensuring that our children are motivated to achieve and be the very best they can be.

Built on the foundation of Christ and through teaching of Gospel values, we develop the whole child in a setting which has an understanding and appreciation of all faiths.

Inspired by Pope Francis we endeavour to 'light a fire in the hearts' of our children, empowering them to make a real difference in our diverse, ever changing society.