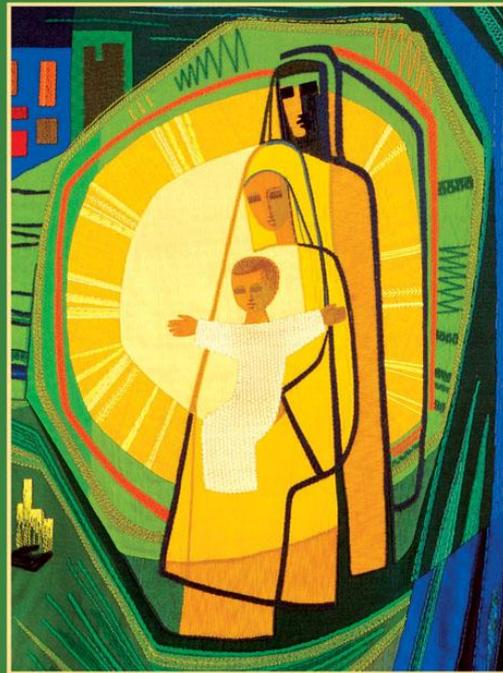


# Holy Family



Catholic Primary School



*Living, loving  
and learning together*

# Mission Statement

- In our Catholic School, with God at the centre of our lives, we offer every child a high standard of education. We meet individual needs, in a caring and loving community, which celebrates our faith.
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- Living, Loving, Learning Together, with Jesus

# Induction

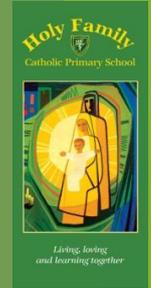
- Thank you for choosing Holy Family as your son/daughter's school. We are all looking forward to them starting and getting to know you as a family.
- A copy of this presentation will be available to view on our website so that you may refer to the key dates and uniform information that you will need.
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- At the end of the session today Mrs Small (Class teacher) will liaise directly with you to arrange a home visit in September. These will take place on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September.

# New Parents Induction 2025

- Our Team
- Ethos and Catholicity
- High Standards of behaviour
- Parental Code of Conduct
- What will the day be like?
- How will we assess your child's needs?
- What if your child has Special Needs?
- What homework will your child get?
- How can you communicate with the teachers?
- Parking
- Questions?



# Our Team



- 10 teachers (x2 job-shares)
- 1 Inclusion Manager (SEND, EAL, Sp & Lang)
- 10 Teaching Assistants
- 7 Midday Assistants
- 5 Catering Staff
- 1 Site Manager
- Mrs. Buet, Mrs Krikor and Miss Dunham in the office
- 1 Headteacher

# Ethos and Catholicity

- We are a Catholic Primary School. This means that at the heart of our teaching is the Catholic faith. Our mission statement is **'Living, Loving, Learning Together, with Jesus.'**
- In September 2020 we became an academy and joined the Rosary Trust: A Catholic Multi Academy Trust. We are one of 7 catholic primary schools within it.
- We use the Brentwood Diocesan RE Scheme of Work 'To know you more clearly' in Foundation, years 1 and 2. This will be introduced to KS2 from September 2025
- Fr Nixon is our Parish priest. He makes regular visits to school to lead whole school Masses. Family members are warmly invited to attend the services - mostly held on a Thursday at 9:15am. Details in weekly newsletters.

# RE in class.

Each class display what the children have been learning about.



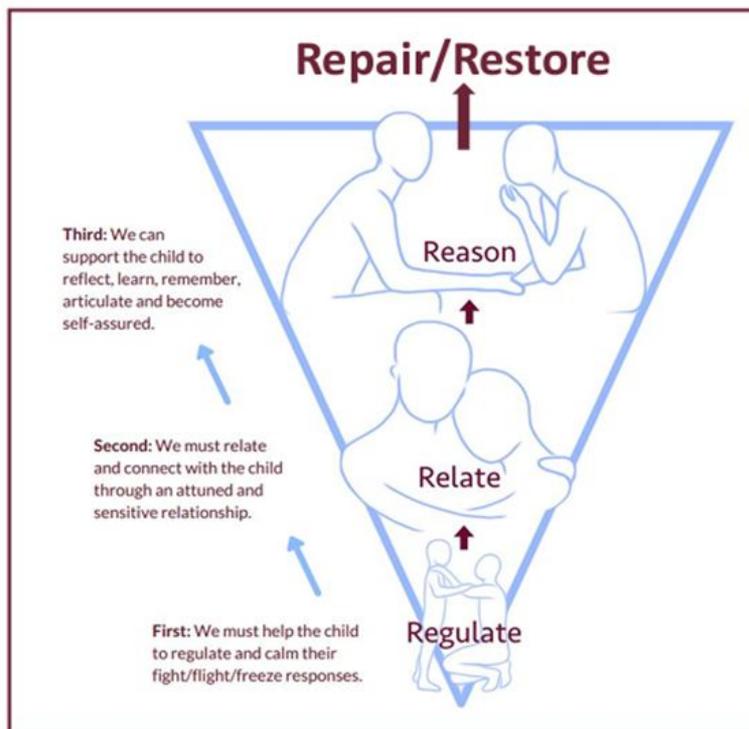
# Prayer

Throughout their time at Holy Family the children learn a variety of prayers, including: the Our Father, The Hail Mary, Glory Be, a lunchtime time and end of day prayer.



# High standards of behaviour

- Positive behaviour strategies -centred around 'Zones of Regulation' are consistently used by all staff throughout the school. ZoR helps the children to understand their emotions and choices.



Heading straight for the 'reasoning' part of the brain with an expectation of learning, will not work so well if the child is dysregulated and disconnected from others.

Please see Behaviour Ladder

Electronic version on our Website - Parents - New  
Parent Induction

# Parental Code of Conduct

We expect parents, guardians, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring Catholic ethos of the our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour

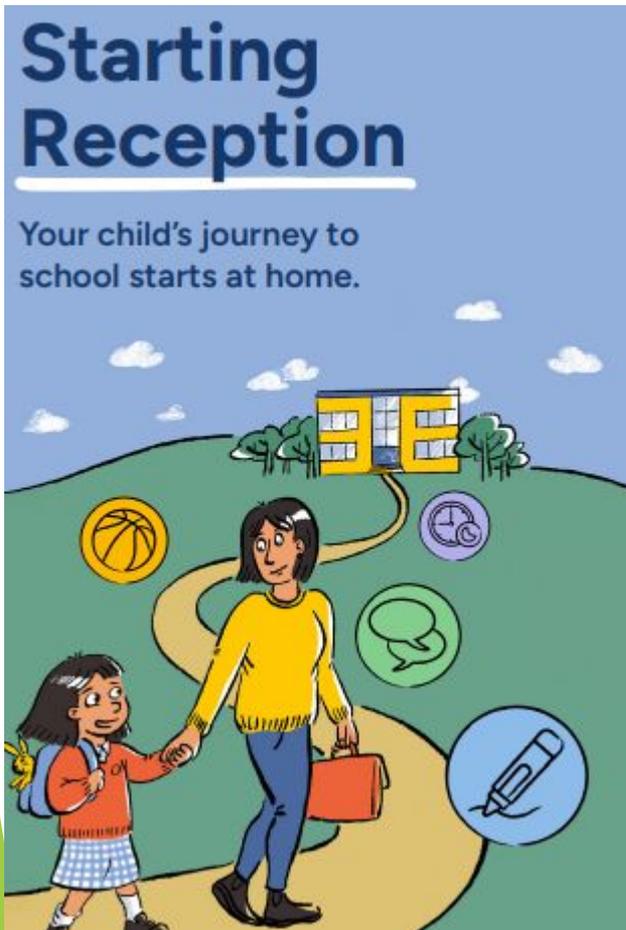
In order to support the Catholic ethos of our school, we will not tolerate:-

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with teaching, learning or administration within school.
- Using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper.
- Threatening, aggressive or intimidating conversations or behaviour towards another adult or child.
- Abusive, threatening or damaging emails, phone, text or social network messages relating to the school.
- Using tobacco, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs on the school premises.
- Damaging or destroying school property.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school will feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We trust that parents and carers and guardians will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school

# School Ready



- Can get dressed independently, putting on their coat, socks and shoes
- Using the toilet and self cleaning
- Recognising their name to put their coat away
- Use cutlery
- Eating a healthy diet and trying new foods

# Uniform

- **Winter** (Second half of Autumn Term through to the end of the Spring Term).
- Boys – Dark grey trouser, white shirt, school tie, bottle green jumper, black shoes, dark coat.
- Girls – Dark grey pinafore, skirt or plain formal trousers, white blouse, school tie, bottle green cardigan, black shoes and a dark coat.
- ▶ **Summer** (Start of Summer through to end of the first half of Autumn Term).
- Boys - Dark grey trouser, bottle green polo shirt and jumper. (White shirt and tie may be worn), black shoes.
- Girls - Dark grey pinafore, skirt or plain formal trousers, bottle green polo shirt and cardigan. Or a green and white checked dress. Black shoes.
- Additional items for EYFS & Year 1 – wellington boots for access to all weather activities plus some waterproof jacket/trousers.
- **All clothing items and shoes to be named please.**

**Until you have taught your son/daughter how to tie up shoe laces please keep to slip-on or velcro footwear**

- No exaggerated hair-styles. No hair colours. Small stud earrings only.

# Additional uniform

We have a 'twice loved' uniform store in the school entrance. Take what you need, if you can give a small donation that is always welcome.



Book bags to be the envelope style and not backpacks, we do not have the space to store backpacks and coats on pegs.

Hair accessories should be plain in colour and discrete (green, black, white, grey)

# PE Kits

- ▶ A pair of black football style shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of black plimsolls (slip on or Velcro) to be kept in a named drawstring bag.
- ▶ Additional items may be required later in the year such as a sweatshirt and joggers. In the summer term we sometimes ask for a pair of trainers too.
- ▶ No earrings to be worn on PE days (Refer to class teacher communication)

# Attendance

- Full attendance at school is our aim, including Foundation
- Should your child be unwell, please phone the school on that day. We operate 'First Day Call' so if we don't hear from you, we will phone you to find out why your son/daughter is not in school.
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- Leave of Absence is not permitted during term time, (except under exceptional circumstances), so is rarely authorised. If an exceptional circumstance arises please complete the 'Leave of Absence Form' available from the office.
- ***(Note that events such as birthdays and family holidays are not considered as exceptional circumstances).***

# How can you support Holy Family or get involved?



- Join the 'Friends of Holy Family'
- Contribute to School Fund - £5 per family per term
- Help on trips (once DBS checks completed)
- Helping in school (once a DBS check has been completed)
- Support school events (Summer/Christmas Fair/Discos)
  
- NB: All school helpers need to have a DBS check first.



# Friends of Holy Family



- We have a very dedicated Friends of Holy Family group. They arrange many events for the children and parents to enjoy.
- They also organise fundraising events. The funds raised are used to support a variety of things in school, including the Music provision in years 3, 4 and 5, and also the whole school provision of Forest Schools
- Please take time to fill in the FOHFS slip in the download pack as we would love your help. As they say 'Many hands make light work'.

# FOHS Events



# Things that FOHFS fund



# Holy Family School Governors

- We have a dedicated team of governors who support the school.
- Governors undertake visits into school to see what the children are learning and to collect feedback from them.
- Another key role is to look after the school premises, planning and funding for its future development.

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# What if your child has additional needs?

- Mrs Hale is our Inclusion Manager
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- Any concerns, contact the class teacher in the first instance.
- For those requiring 'additional to or different from' their peers, we create a One Plan with targets, reviewed termly
- We involve other agencies (eg: Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists) as necessary
- Holy Family staff are trained to a high standard including 'Attachment Awareness', 'Adverse Childhood Experiences' and 'Trauma Perceptive Practices (TPP)'. Some have also done bereavement training and child mental health and well-being

# Induction into Foundation at Holy Family

- Your son/daughter has already been invited into come into school for the stay and play sessions.
- We have also begun to undertake preschool and nursery visits wherever possible or been in contact with settings to find how best we can support transition once in school
- Induction section of our website (Parent tab) over the summer holiday
- In September we will come see you at home where we can meet your little ones the week before they start with us and answer any questions you may have.

Please make an appointment before you leave today

# How play develops into learning opportunities.

The children enjoy using a variety of resources in EYFS. All of which are made accessible to them. Independence is promoted, along with sharing. Also caring for the resources by all helping to put them away again



# A Day at Holy Family School

8:45 am - Register and choose lunch.  
Phonic games and handwriting activities.

9:00 am - Early Learning Goals curriculum, snack, free flow,  
short carpet input for phonics / maths

11.45 am Lunchtime preparations

11:55 - 12:55 Lunchtime (eat and outside play)

1:00pm Lunchtime ends. Reflection time. Activities / free flow

3:10pm The day ends



# Play develops into various learning opportunities.



# The Outdoor Foundation Stage Play Area



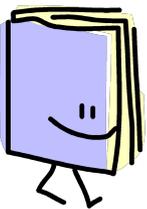
# How we learn at Holy Family





# What homework will your child get?

- Read daily – research has shown that just 5 minutes daily has a significant impact upon the reading age of children.
- Homework book with ‘harder to read and write words’ These are words we have taught during the week.
- Finding out information or bringing items in to support a topic.
- Activities to enhance the learning focus from English or Maths activities from the week.



# How can you communicate with the teachers?

- ▶ The Home/School Record Book is the essential method of communication. It should be kept in your child's book bag and sent to school everyday.
- ▶ Speak to teachers after school
- ▶ Make appointments with the class teacher, via the school office.
- ▶ Call or email if there are any problems
- ▶ Teacher2Parent texting service

# Communication

- Newsletter:  
<https://www.holyfamilyschoolwitham.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>
- Class newsletter emailed weekly.

## Money / payments

- ▶ Mrs Buet, our Office Manager, will set you up on our ParentPay system. We are virtually a cashless school and all transactions are made via this secure system.

Payments for eg: School Fund £5 a term per family, School trips, uniform (school tie).

# First Day in Foundation and Key starting dates for Phased Induction

Monday 8th September	<b>Group 1 AM 8.45- 11.45</b> <b>Group 2 PM 1.00- 3.10</b>
Tuesday 9th September	<b>Group 2 AM 8.45- 11.45</b> <b>Group 1 PM 1.00- 3.10</b>
Wednesday 10th September	<b>All Children 8.45- 11.45</b>
Thursday 11th September	<b>All Children 8.45-12.30</b> <b>Stay for lunch</b>
Friday 12th September	<b>All Children 8.45- 3.10</b>
Monday 15th September	<b>Full Time</b>

Children will be dropped off and collected from the Foundation gate.

Please let us know of any other adults who will be collecting your son/daughter



# Lunchtime

- Menus available in advance (within the newsletter)
- The children order their meal in class daily.
- School dinners in EYFS and years 1 and 2 are free
- Packed lunch – no chocolates or sweets and only still drinks. Please use yogurts that need a spoon.
- See information on the website about packed lunches, and our weekly menus

<https://www.holyfamilyschoolwitham.co.uk/weekly-menu/>



# The Dinner Hall



# Examples of school dinners



# Lunchtime Play.

Lunchtime is important for fun and learning.



Our Play Leaders

# Prayer Partners



# Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- ▶ Children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. (No need to apply - universal Free School Meals)

▶ ***However,***

- ▶ If you are a low income family you can support your school by letting them know you are using the **Free School Meals** service.

For more information please see link:

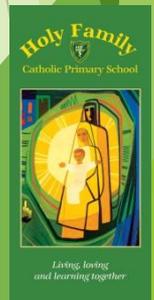
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Having access to Free School Meals (not UIFSM) means you would receive Government issued School holiday vouchers, and holiday activity vouchers.

Children in Years 3 to 6 don't get Free School Meals automatically, unless families go online and apply.

# Parking

- Please note that there is **NO admittance for parents and carers (or other members of your family)** to bring their cars onto the school site at the beginning (8:30 – 9:00am) or at the end of the day (3:00 – 3:30pm).
- Parental helpers also need to park outside of school.
- Only cars that have a disabled badge will be permitted on site. This needs to be confirmed with our office staff.
- Please park with consideration for our neighbours and to abide by the rules of the highway.
- Please help to keep our children safe.



# Before and After School Child Care Provision

Holy Family runs its own breakfast club. This runs from 8:00am to 8:45am on site and costs £4 a session. Sessions should be booked via the school office and Parent Pay. We do offer emergency/one off places, but need to know who will be regularly attending so we have the correct staffing levels

After school child care is run by Claire Micallef at Mini Marvels. Claire has all the information about provision on our school website

<https://www.holyfamilyschoolwitham.co.uk/wrap-around-care/>

We all look forward to the arrival of your children and hope that they enjoy their time at Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

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