

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Prospectus 2024



At Our Lady of Lourdes we like to think of ourselves as one big family' offering a nurturing and caring atmosphere, where every child is valued and unique with their own gifts and talents.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

A warm welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School. We are proud that our school is a happy, calm place that provides a welcoming and safe environment in which to learn and grow.

As a Catholic school, we base all relationships on gospel values, and these underpin our daily lives in school. We particularly focus on the uniqueness of the child and develop love, care and respect for one another. We have a dedicated team of staff and governors who inspire, motivate and nurture all children in school. We offer a supportive, inclusive family atmosphere where success is celebrated and everyone feels valued. We also enjoy close links between home, school and parish.

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From October 1st 2021 we became part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and formed a federation with St Joseph's Catholic Primary in Blackhall Colliery.

We hope you find this brochure useful, but if there is anything else you would like to know about the school, please ask or visit our school website **www.ourladyoflourdes.durham.sch.uk** or follow us on social media.

Lisa Ashton
Executive Headteacher



Our Vision

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**As unique children of God we love, learn, grow and inspire
We let our light shine**



Our Vision is to provide a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment where children are happy and want to learn. To provide the highest quality of education, inspiring everyone towards achieving excellence. Through an exciting and broad curriculum, we want our children to be confident, inquisitive, compassionate, honest and successful. As part of our curriculum offer, we value regular outdoor learning experiences which develop resilience, co-operation and independence.

At the end of Primary School, children will leave us ready and prepared to meet the challenges of the next phase of their education, having been provided with the best opportunities to be successful citizens of the future. They will have high aspirations and understand that there is a future of possibilities.

Curriculum

We are committed to providing a curriculum, which is broad and balanced, recognising that every pupil is unique. Our curriculum is designed to enable all children to achieve, reach their potential and let their lights shine.

Teaching and learning has many creative elements and we aim to make learning relevant to the children and their local area.

The curriculum presently comprises the following subjects – R.E, English, Maths, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, P.E., Music, MFL, RSE and PSHE. The Reception class follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We recognise, not only the importance of helping our pupils to flourish academically but also spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, so they are fully prepared for life in British society and for their role as citizens.

We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected.

Parents are invited into school throughout the year to learn about the curriculum and how they can help and support their child's learning.

In the Autumn Term Parents are usually invited to a Curriculum Awareness Evening where they are given an overview of their child's learning.



The School Day

Every morning the doors are open from 8:30am and children can enter school from 8.30am to 8 55am.

8:55am – 3.05pm Reception and Key Stage One

8:55am – 3.30pm Key Stage Two

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open daily from 7.45 am at a cost of £2.00 per day per child. Breakfast is served from 7.45am – 8.20 am. Payment is made via our online payment system ParentPay.

Breakfast Club must be booked via the booking system.

Teatime Club

We offer a teatime club every day after school. The cost for the first hour is £3 and from 4.30 pm to 5 30pm the cost is an additional £3.

Uniform

- Yellow polo shirt
- Grey trousers/grey skirt
- Grey shorts/blue gingham dress
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Sensible dark shoes to be worn at all times, no heels or trainers.

- **P.E. Kit**
- Royal blue shadow stripe shorts
- Royal blue T-shirt
- Plimsolls
- Tracksuit/trainers (for outside use only)



You can access our uniform supplier at <http://www.totstoteams.com>.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We provide a range of extra-curricular activities, some provided by school staff and others by external services. Examples of our extra-curricular activities include multi-sports, traditional games, football, arts + crafts, fitness and gardening.

Special Educational Needs

At our school we value that fact that all of our children are unique and different with a range of different strengths and talents. We recognise that some children need additional support to be able to access the curriculum. We scaffold activities to help those children who experience learning difficulties, whilst working closely, where necessary, with outside agencies such as:

- School Nursing Team
- Speech and Language Service
- Occupational Therapy
- ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Team
- Educational Psychology
- Emotional Wellbeing Team



We pride ourselves on working together closely with families and children to work quickly and get the best plan possible in place should your child need additional support. If your child, at some point throughout the school journey, needs this additional support please don't worry, sometimes this is just intervention or support for a small time and can be tailored to your child's individual needs.

Mrs Wright, our Deputy Headteacher, is also our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator). If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact her on gwright@ourladylourdesdurham.org

Safeguarding

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn.

We believe that all children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to be protected from harm. Therefore, all allegations or suspicion of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Parents/Carers should be aware that the school has a duty to ensure the welfare and safety of our pupils. Where school staff have cause to be concerned that a pupil may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or other form of abuse, staff will follow the School's Child Protection Policy and inform Children and Young People's Services. School may instigate an Early Help Assessment, in order to access extra support for children and their families.

We are all responsible for ensuring that each child remains safe, our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher are Designated Safeguarding Officers in school. We also have a Governor with responsibility for safeguarding. The school actively engages with the Durham Children Safeguarding Partnership (DCSP).

In school the children are encouraged to speak to staff if they have anything that is upsetting them either at school, at home or elsewhere. The children are listened to in a sensitive and encouraging manner, and any issues are dealt with appropriately.

If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child, please inform school immediately.



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