



St. Benedict's Primary School



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2017-2020



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**“Every child should have
the right and the means
to fulfil their dreams.”**



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Welcome to St Benedict's Primary School! We are a happy, friendly school at the heart of our community, where every child is supported to become a successful, confident and responsible learner.

We work in close partnership with parents and carers to ensure our children get off to a flying start in their school career.

This prospectus can give you just a taste of St Benedict's - please visit our website or come and see us to find out more. You can be sure of a warm welcome!

"My child is so happy and looks forward to going to school everyday" OFSTED 2017

"This school continues to be good" OFSTED 2017

Our School Aims

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS:

who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve

RESPONSIBLE AND RIGHTS RESPECTING CITIZENS:

who are self aware and socially aware; who have pride in their history and heritage and respect for that of others.

CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS:

who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

Admissions

Admissions to our school are dealt with by the Local Authority and can be made by completing a form online for Reception and Year 7. Any enquiries linked to admissions can be made by contacting the Admissions Department of the Local Authority by telephoning 0121 303 1888 .

Once you have accepted a place at our reception unit you will be invited to attend admissions meetings where you will find out more about our school. We look forward to a long and happy partnership between the school, parents and children.



Our Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The school follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in Reception.

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a very important stage in every child's development, helping them to get ready for school as well as preparing them for future learning and success. We hope your child's experience will be happy, exciting and fun.

- There are 7 areas of learning and development which shape educational programmes in reception. All areas are important and inter-connected. There are three prime areas: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development and specific areas of Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.**
- The expected levels that your child should reach by the end of the EYFS are called the "Early Learning Goals" (ELG)**

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

The children follow the National Curriculum as required by the Government and we provide a broad and balanced curriculum full of exciting and engaging learning opportunities. Maths is delivered through the Maths No Problem approach and writing and foundation subjects are taught through Imaginative Learning Projects through the **Cornerstones Curriculum**, a nationally recognised approach for delivering outstanding learning opportunities for children. They continue to learn through a creative and dynamic curriculum covering the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. In addition, children in KS2 will learn the modern foreign language of French.

Our school follows the Local Education Authority Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education which requires the children to learn about other peoples' faiths and cultures. Children attend two assemblies each week.

The programme of collective worship at St Benedict's Primary School is used to think about the wider world and to help your child understand that the school is a rich and diverse community. Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from all or part of the collective worship programme if they wish.

School Uniform

The children of St. Benedict's Primary School wear a red uniform with either grey trousers or a grey skirt.

For P.E lessons the children wear black jogging trousers or shorts and a red t-shirt with a pair of pumps. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on PE days, with their school sweatshirt on top.

All uniform is available to buy from Brigade Clothing UK online following this link

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php>

For health and safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is **not permitted** in school. If children must wear earrings, then only small stud earrings are acceptable but these must be removed during PE sessions.

Should a Hijab be required, it should be either plain red or white.



Term Time

Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5
September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24
October 2022 to Friday 28
October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16
December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3
January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20
February 2023 to Friday 24
February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31
March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17
April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29
May 2023 to Friday 2 June
2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25
July 2023

School Times:

8:35 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

(Children expected to arrive between 8:35 and 8:45)

Attendance and Punctuality

Our school has continued to give high priority to maintaining and improving children's attendance.

- If your child is unable to attend school please telephone the school office on 0121 464 6420 with the reason for the absence and the expected date of return.
- Please be aware the Head Teacher of St. Benedict's Primary School will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any leave out of school can have a negative impact on educational progress and achievement. Please understand that taking a holiday during term time may lead to the issuing of a fixed penalty notice and legal action being taken and your child losing their school place.
- Our children are awarded termly if they have achieved 100% attendance.

- It is important that your child arrives on time every day. Lateness affects your child's education so please make sure that they arrive at school on time. Being five minutes late each day adds up to 3 days missed from school over a year and adds up to a lot of lost learning time. . Please help your child to be punctual.



Visits and Other Activities

Trips and visits are a key part of all learning at St. Benedict's Primary School and link directly to the children's learning. Children will have the opportunity to visit a range of interesting places as well as experiencing visitors coming into the school.

The school runs a number of after school clubs throughout the year to provide further learning opportunities.



Rights Respecting School

St. Benedict's Primary School is a rights respecting school and the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child underpin our approach.



Our school is proud of all its achievements which have been rewarded with a number of national awards.

- **Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)**



The LPPA is a recognised award that strengthens the school's partnership with parents and carers.

"Staff share the vision that that the best outcomes for children are achieved through a meaningful partnership with parents and are clearly committed to supporting parents to enable them to better support their children's learning." quote from LPPA assessor

- **Quality Mark for Basic Skills**



This award celebrates good practice in literacy, language and numeracy for children and young people.

- **ECO Awards**



The Green Tree and RHS Gardening Awards celebrate the school's environmental projects, gardens and encouraging outdoor learning whilst the Eco School Award has empowered children to drive change and improve their environmental awareness.

- **RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

At St. Benedict's Primary School, we have gained the Gold UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA).

The RRSA seeks to put the 'UN Convention on the Rights of the Child' at the heart of a school's ethos and is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non- discrimination and participation. At St. Benedict's, children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Our children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.



School Dinners

All school meals provided are healthy and nutritious options with a number of different choices provided everyday.

In reception and in Key Stage 1, your child will receive a free school meal.

In Key Stage 2 your child will have the option of a paid school meal or a packed lunch which must be a healthy choice. Healthy choices according to the NHS include:

Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta.

Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.

A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.

Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.



Special Educational Needs

Our school has a dedicated “Inclusion Team” who have a particular responsibility to provide additional support for children with special educational needs.

Our school is an inclusive school providing a broad and balanced curriculum differentiated to meet the needs and abilities of all children. Systems are in place for the early identification of learning difficulties. All staff members have high expectations of all children and set suitable targets in order for children to better access the curriculum.

Please see website for further details.

Thrive

At St. Benedict's Primary School, we believe that every child is unique and that they flourish when confident, self-assured, capable and resilient. In order to enable this, we provide opportunities and an environment in which learning and emotional needs are understood and responded to. The strategy we use is called 'Thrive'; it is delivered through small group or one-to-one interventions and all activities are fun, play-based and creative.



Medical Care

- Parents must inform the school of any medical issues your child may have e.g. food allergies, epilepsy, or if your child is attending hospital for a medical condition.
- Staff can only administer medication to children that has been prescribed by a doctor. Parents will need to sign a form so that we can administer this medication.
- Staff will supervise children who must use an inhaler for asthma.
- School staff will inform you at the end of the school day if your child has had an injury or illness during the school day, if this is more serious staff will telephone to inform you to collect your child from school.
- In the rare event of a serious accident, every effort will be made to contact the child's parent, but if this is not possible, the child will be taken to hospital for treatment and parent contacted as soon as possible.
- It is the duty of the school to report to the appropriate authorities (e.g. social care, health and the police) any concerns raised about the safety of any of our children. Any such referral will not normally be done without contacting the parents or guardians of the child.

Parents

We acknowledge parents to be the first educators in their children's lives and value the key role parents play in the life of our school.

We have a dedicated team of staff working with our parents and families. A member of the senior leadership is available to speak to at the start and end of every day.

Concerns

We believe in an equal partnership between the school and parents and we want to work together to provide the best education for our children. If you have any concerns please tell us straight away. You can speak directly to your child's class teacher before or after school. You can also speak informally to a member of the school Leadership Team or make an appointment to see the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher through the school Office.

The Role of Governors

School Governors are people from the school's community who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education.

Our Governors represent the positive aspects of the schools extended community. They are there to give a long-term strategic direction as to how the school is run; to be critical friends for the school; and to ensure the school is accountable for its actions.

Our Governors bring a range of experience and interests from many walks of life. They work closely with teachers and the Head Teacher to make constructive decisions for our school and to make sure that these decisions are followed up.

Governors are at the heart of how a school operates. How they do their job affects the interests of children, staff morale and how the school is seen by parents and others in the community.

School Fund

Parents are asked to contribute £2 per term to school fund. This money goes towards funding those little extras that support children's learning. On some occasions year groups will organise fund raising events to support special activities or raise money for charity.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe

At St. Benedict's Primary School, we are fully committed to ensuring that consistent and effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.

All concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as 'Designated Safeguarding Leaders' in school in compliance with statutory requirements.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Mrs. Williams, Head teacher, Mrs Nott (Deputy Head teacher), Mrs Clayton (Assistant Head teacher) and Miss Whetton (Assistant Head teacher) who are also trained DSLs.

Mrs Clayton is also the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for any concerns regarding extremism or radicalisation.

All staff and governors receive regular safeguarding training.

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other pupil at St. Benedict's Primary School, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead who knows who to contact for the best advice and help.

"Safeguarding is effective." OFSTED 2017

Safety and Security

- All visitors must report to the school office, situated in the main entrance, to sign in. They should wear their Visitor's Badge at all times.
- It is the responsibility of parents to collect their child from school. If there is a problem, parents should telephone the school office to inform them of who is collecting their child. Please note, the school will not allow a child to be collected by anyone under 16 years of age.
- For the safety of our children, please refrain from parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. West Midlands Police often do spot checks and issue fixed penalty notices for cars parked illegally.
- THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES ANYWHERE ON THE SCHOOL SITE IS NOT PERMITTED.

Please help us to keep all of our children safe.

Contacting the School



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Useful links:

- School Policies - <http://www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=24>
- Ofsted Summary - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/103261>
- Governors - <http://www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=43>

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