

*Welcome to*  
**Blessed  
John Duckett**

Catholic Primary School

**Prospectus**  
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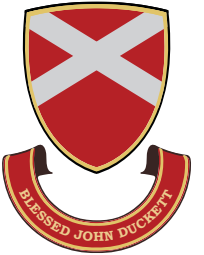






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*A very warm welcome to*

### **Blessed John Duckett Catholic Primary School**

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of this welcoming and caring school, where everyone is encouraged to join us in 'moving forward together'. At Blessed John Duckett we have a wonderful school where "there is a close relationship between staff, pupils and families that gives the school a family feel". (Ofsted, 2021)

We are a small, friendly school which is part of the wider family of schools within the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust.

At Blessed John Duckett, we endeavour to establish a safe and secure environment in which children feel happy and are given opportunities to reach their full potential. We believe that children learn from good examples, and we always encourage co-operation and self-discipline. We encourage children to take responsibility for their own actions and to show a caring attitude towards others.

Our curriculum is designed to motivate all children and we provide a wide range of strategies to adapt our curriculum to meet the needs of all our learners.

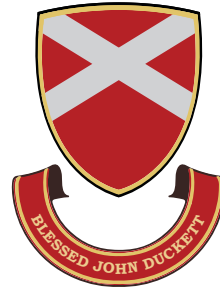
We have the highest expectations of what our children can achieve. Our fantastic team strive to inspire, enthuse and motivate all children to develop a lifelong love of learning and we believe that every child has the capacity to succeed. We promote Gospel values and virtues within school; every person is valued, nurtured and respected as an individual.

**All are welcome in our wonderful school. Please contact the school office so that we can arrange for you to come and look around.**

*Miss Jenna Ellison*  
**Headteacher**



# Why choose our school?



Joining Blessed John Duckett means becoming part of a close-knit community where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to excel. Nestled in the heart of Tow Law, our small but mighty school offers a unique and nurturing environment that fosters growth and success.

Our wonderful grounds provide the perfect backdrop for outdoor learning adventures, sparking curiosity and igniting a passion for exploration. In our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) room, young learners embark on a journey of discovery, surrounded by warmth and encouragement. Our school radiates a family-like atmosphere, where pupils feel supported and included. Here, friendships flourish, and every child is celebrated for their individual strengths and talents.

Our robust curriculum is designed to inspire and challenge, empowering each pupil to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Join us and discover the magic of learning in a school where every child truly matters.

'Pupils thrive in the family atmosphere of this small, friendly school.'



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Watch our new school video by clicking or scanning the QR code.





# Our school day

Our gates open at 8:50am and re-open for the end of the school day at 3:10pm.

- Morning Registration – 9:00am.
- Break – 10:30am.
- KS1 Lunchtime – 11:50am.
- KS2 Lunchtime – 12:10pm.
- Afternoon Registration – 1:00pm.
- Home Time – 3:10pm.



# Wraparound care

## Breakfast Club:

We offer a breakfast club from 8:00am – 8:30am which costs £3. We also offer an activity club from 8:30am – 8:50am which costs £1.50 per session.

## Afterschool Child Care:

All After School Clubs run at a cost of £1 per session. Please contact the school office for more information about the clubs and their timings.



# Our school uniform



The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier, Cre8tive Design, or in any supermarket.

## Our uniform:

- Navy Pinafore, Navy Skirt or Grey Trousers.
- White Polo Shirt.
- Navy Sweatshirt, Navy Cardigan or Navy V Neck Sweater (Red for Nursery).
- Black Shoes.
- Grey/White Socks.

## Optional uniform for Summer

- Red/White Checked Dress.
- Grey Shorts.

## PE uniform:

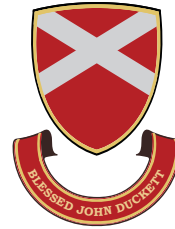
- Red Polo Shirt.
- Navy Shorts.
- Black Plimsolls.
- Trainers (for outdoor use only).
- Navy Tracksuit.

To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.





# Our curriculum



At Blessed John Duckett, our curriculum has been designed to meet the needs of our children, in our school, in our area. This encompasses a variety of exciting, first-hand experiences to enable children to acquire appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding preparing them for today's world. Through the provision of a stimulating environment, extensive school grounds and links within the community and beyond, our children will develop to their full potential.

At the heart of our curriculum, and all aspects of school life, we aim to ensure that our children feel loved as part of a school family and know that their talents are valued and celebrated. All aspects of our curriculum are accessible to all our children. We strive to meet the needs of those pupils with special educational needs, those with disabilities, those who are more able and those with special gifts and talents.

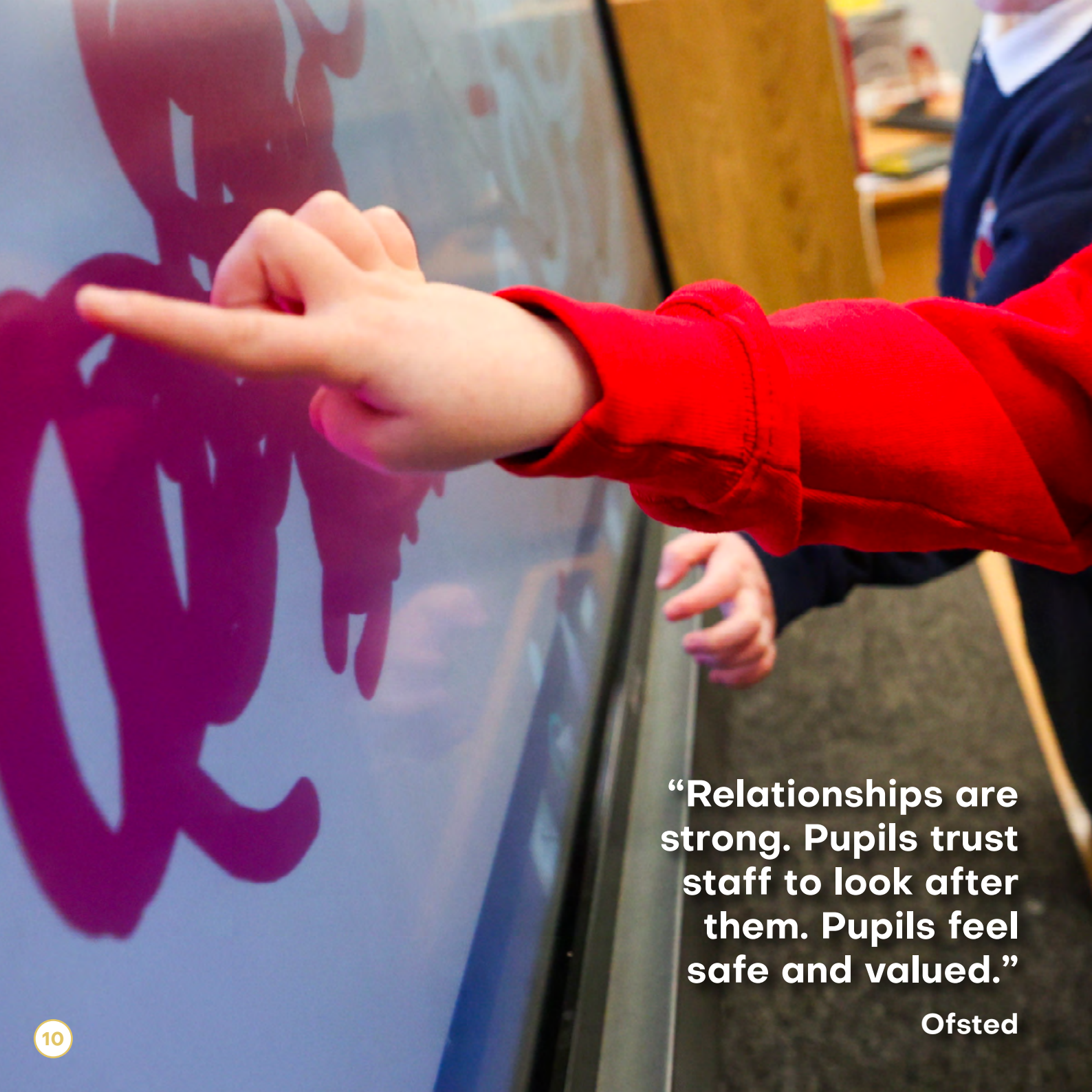
If you have any questions regarding the curriculum we teach, please contact the school directly.



**“The school has the highest ambition for all pupils, both in their learning and behaviour. Pupils rise to meet these expectations.”**

**Ofsted**





**“Relationships are strong. Pupils trust staff to look after them. Pupils feel safe and valued.”**

**Ofsted**

## Special educational needs and disabilities



As an inclusive school, all teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND). We deliver a curriculum and create an environment that meets the needs of every pupil within our school. We ensure that every pupil with SEND makes the best progress possible. We foster and promote effective working partnerships with parents, carers, pupils, and outside agencies. We consider the ‘whole’ child and strive to ensure that all our SEND pupils are prepared for adulthood.

### **Key Contact**

Miss Jenna Ellison  
Headteacher & SENDCO

To find out more  
please scan  
the QR code







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## Our Trust

**Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust**  
is a family of 35 schools across  
County Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, and  
Stockton-On-Tees.

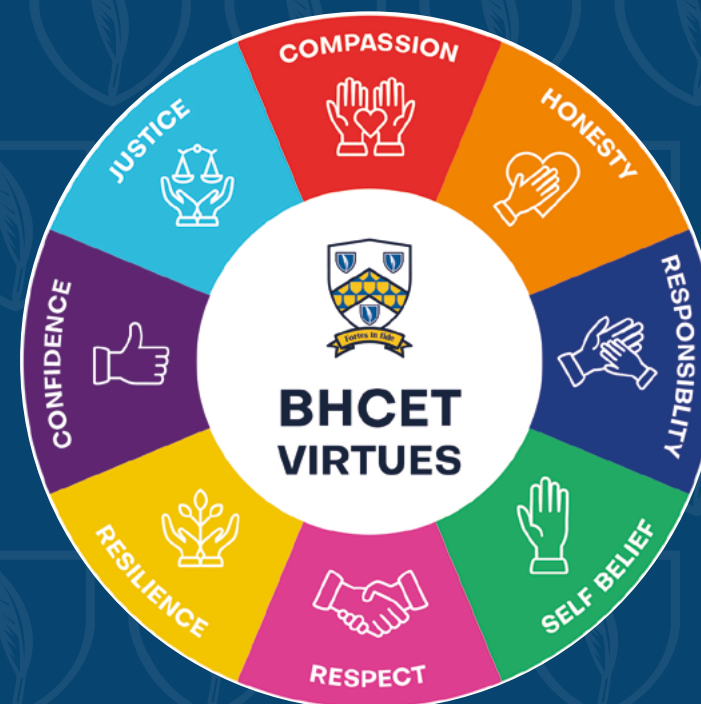
Our mission is to provide the highest quality education,  
fostering a collaborative environment where resources  
and best practices are shared among our schools.

We are committed to the educational welfare of our  
pupils. This is why we place Christ at the centre and  
children at the heart.



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### JUSTICE & COMPASSION

We value  
fairness and  
empathy, treating  
others with  
kindness and  
understanding.

### HONESTY & RESPONSIBILITY

We prioritise  
truthfulness and  
accountability,  
taking ownership of  
our actions and  
decisions.

### CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

We foster courage  
and adaptability,  
empowering  
individuals to face  
challenges and  
overcome setbacks.

### RESPECT & SELF BELIEF

We embrace  
diversity and  
individuality, fostering  
an environment where  
everyone feels valued  
and confident.



**WATCH  
OUR VIDEO**





## *Apply for a place* **at Blessed John Duckett**



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child and at Blessed John Duckett, we aim to make this a happy experience for everyone. Children can start school in our reception class in the September of the academic year in which they will be five years old.

**To gain a place at Blessed John Duckett, you will need to apply through Durham County Council's website. Please follow the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.**  
<https://blessedjohnduckett.bhcet.org.uk/information/admissions-policy>



If your child is not already attending our school Nursery, they will be invited to spend some informal sessions with their new teacher and other children from the class in the summer term in order to familiarise themselves with the school environment. An information evening for our new reception class parents is also held in the summer term.

For mid-year admissions, at other times of the year or for year groups other than Reception, please go through Durham County Council's website - <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2197/Apply-to-change-school-during-the-school-year>. We highly recommend contacting the school in the first instance for a visit.

### **Nursery Admissions**

At Blessed John Duckett, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:50am – 3:10pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.



*Moving forward together*



**Blessed John Duckett Catholic Primary School**

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