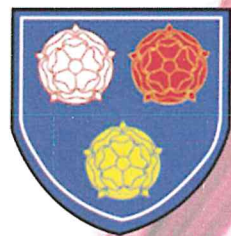


Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Academy



Nursery Brochure

2023 - 2024



Our Mission Statement



Our school is a family bound together in God's love.

We recognise that we are all unique and we value the gifts and talents of each member of our community.

Through our nurturing environment, we strive to ensure each one of us reaches our full potential.

We work hard, try our best, and accept mistakes as opportunities for learning.

Created by staff, pupils, governors and parents November 2015

Children's Mission Statement

At Holy Rosary, we are a family united in God's love.

We know that God made us all different, we respect each other and thank God for the gifts and talents he has given us.

We support and encourage each other to succeed, especially when we find things difficult.

We work hard, try our very best and recognise that we can learn from our mistakes.

We never give up, just like God never gives up on us.

Created by the children at Holy Rosary May 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to you and your child, on what is the beginning of an exciting learning journey. Ours is a happy and caring Nursery which forms part of the larger Holy Rosary school family. We work very closely with our Reception class and our Early Years leader Mrs Symington to ensure that we offer stimulating and enriching learning opportunities for your children.

At Holy Rosary, we strongly believe in the value of high-quality Early Years education, which is both adult and child led. We hope that both you and your child have an enjoyable and successful learning experience with us. Our aim is to develop happy and increasingly independent learners and that you both feel that you are a valued member of our school family. A strong home/school relationship is vitally important to ensure your child's happiness, welfare and success, and therefore we ask you to be as involved in our school life as much as you possibly can.

If you would like any further information about any aspect of life at Holy Rosary's Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact our school office to arrange an appointment. ***Please be mindful that our school Admissions Policy states clearly that admission into our school Nursery, does not guarantee your child admission into school. Our Admissions Policy can be found on our school website.***

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Mrs Flaherty

Headteacher

MEET OUR STAFF



Mrs Flaherty
Head Teacher



Mr Darling
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Wilson
Key Stage One Lead
Year 2 Teacher



Mrs Symington
Early Years Lead
Reception Teacher



Mrs Desborough
Year 4 Teacher



Mrs Holt
Nursery Teacher



Miss Spindloe
Year 6 Teacher



Miss Whalen
Year 3 Teacher



Mr Bradley
Year 1 Teacher



Miss Fagan
Year 5 Teacher



Mrs Vipond
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Flaherty
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Dean
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Kinder
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Murgatroyd
Teaching Assistant



Mrs McCabe
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Leather
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Walker
Teaching Assistant



Miss Barnfather
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Lowe
Business Manager



Mrs Kay
Administrator



Mr Griffiths
Site Manager



Mr Hedley
Chef Manager

Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs Staff

Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Mrs L Flaherty
Deputy Safeguarding Lead:	Mr M Darling
SENDCo:	Mr M Darling
SENDCo Support:	Mrs L Flaherty

Early Years Entitlement

All 3 to 4-year-old children are entitled to 15 hours free Nursery provision provided over 38 weeks. (Universal entitlement) Some families are now eligible to an additional 15 hours. (Extended entitlement)

Here at Holy Rosary's Nursery, we offer the following patterns of provision.

Universal Entitlement

5 mornings a week or 5 afternoons a week

Extended Entitlement

8.45 - 3.30 (Mornings 8.45 – 11.45) (Afternoons 12.30 – 3.30)

Wraparound Care for 30 Hours Childcare

To further support working families with wraparound care, we offer the following:

Lunch Time: If you would like your child to stay for lunch, they may do so at a cost of £3.00 per day. This is to be paid in advance online daily/weekly, and is to cover the cost of staffing only. Parents must provide a packed lunch for these days. Children do not have to stay for lunch. They can be picked up at the end of the first Nursery session and returned for the second.

Breakfast Club 7:40am: This can be paid for online on a daily/weekly basis. The current cost is £3.00 per day. Please ask a member of staff/office staff for further details.

Before Your Child Starts Nursery

As part of our induction process, parents are invited into Nursery with their child for a visit so that they can meet staff, other children and get a feel for the environment. You will be given the opportunity to work alongside your child, see what takes place and ask questions of the staff.

Nursery Uniform Providers

Our uniform supplier is a company called Lollipops.

All orders are to be placed with Lollipops, 20 Norfolk Place, Middlesbrough, TS3 7PA
Telephone Number - 01642 225827.

Orders placed over the phone, will be delivered to school free of charge on a Friday during term time. If you prefer it to be delivered to your home address, there will be a delivery charge which is currently £2.50.

Uniform

Navy Sweatshirt

Sky blue polo shirt

Navy joggers or charcoal grey trousers (In addition, a tartan skirt may also be worn if this is your preference)

The majority of items can be bought at most local supermarkets/stores, however if you would like the sweatshirts and the polo shirts to have the school logo on, then these can be ordered from our supplier, as can the tartan skirts.

It would be very helpful if you could provide the following:

- A named drawstring bag containing a change of clothing. These can be purchased from Lollipops or from a local supermarket/store.
- A named pair of wellington boots that can remain in Nursery for outdoor learning.
- A PE kit (White T-shirt/black shorts and black plimsolls) These kits can also be purchased from Lollipops or from any local supermarket/store.

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. It helps enormously.

The Headteacher has the right to prohibit the wearing of certain types of clothing/items if they are deemed unsuitable.

Jewellery: is not permitted due to health and safety. This includes earrings. If you wish to pierce your child's ears, it is advisable to do so at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they are healed and can be removed for school. Your child will not be allowed to cover earrings over with tape. They must be removed.

Hairstyles: Should be smart and appropriate. We do not allow shaved heads, tramlines, Mohicans etc. Longer hair should be tied back wherever possible.

Some parents have asked us for a guide when it comes to cutting/styling hair. We would suggest that when a shaver is used, that you ask for a setting no lower than a number 2.

Early Years Learning

Parents are always welcome at Holy Rosary. When your child first starts Nursery, please feel free to settle your child before you leave if it is necessary. Please be mindful however that it is extremely important that the session starts promptly, and therefore we ask that you arrive on time. This routine helps to form good habits for future school attendance.

On entry to Nursery, we will begin to form an individual profile for your child, which will follow them through into Reception. This gives staff an indication of your child's capabilities, the areas where your child may be exceeding and where they may need extra support. This of course is all done very informally and through 'hands on learning'.

The learning through the Early Years Curriculum framework, is not always obvious as it is carried out through 'hands on' learning experiences. They will learn how to solve practical problems and begin to develop skills that help them to eventually read and write. This is done by learning how to discriminate sound, by understanding why we write and what print in a book is. A language rich environment is crucial to learning for young children and therefore speaking and listening to each other is actively encouraged.



Learning for life—Early Years Provision

Early Years Foundation Stage

At Holy Rosary we follow our own curriculum, developed in line with the Early Years Development Matters and the Statutory Framework documents in accordance with Government guidance.

There are seven areas of learning and development within the Early Years Curriculum.

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. These three areas, the Prime Areas, are:

Prime Areas

Communication and Language: Your child will learn to speak confidently and clearly in a language rich environment. They will listen to stories, poems and songs. They will begin to listen to and say sounds and start to link them to the alphabet. As their understanding of mark making develops, they will also begin to discriminate between drawing and writing. The purpose being to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development: We provide many opportunities for your child to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. They will also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food and exercise.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: This area of learning helps children to think positively about themselves and form positive relationships with others. We will help them to develop social skills, manage their feelings and understand appropriate behaviour within a group. All of this of course is done through fun learning activities.

We must also support children in four specific areas.

Specific Areas

Literacy: Your child will listen to a wide range of books, and poems. They will listen to and retell stories, thinking about settings and characters. They will begin to recognise some familiar words and will develop a love of books

Mathematics: Your child will develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play. These activities will improve their skills in counting, understanding numbers and develop an awareness of space, shape and measure.

Understanding the World: Your child will explore and find out about the world around them. They will build with different materials, know about everyday technology and learn what it is used for. They will learn about past events in their own lives and their families, and find out about different cultures and beliefs.

Expressive Arts and Design: Your child will be given opportunities to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through activities in music, art, movement, dance, role-play and design and technology.

Our Nursery is set up so that all 7 areas of the curriculum are provided for, through activities and learning.

Outdoor Learning

Our children love taking their learning outdoors. The Early Years Curriculum places a strong emphasis on the importance of this and therefore we ensure that our children access the outdoor area every day, where the 7 areas of learning are also reflected.

Reading

Reading is such an important part of learning for very young children. We would encourage you to share books and read aloud to your children as much as possible. Nursery rhymes are a fun and easy way to engage them and develop speech.

Reading is such a lovely way to spend some quality time with your child and, crucially, develops their speaking and listening skills, widens their vocabulary and encourages a genuine love of books and reading.



Keeping Healthy and Staying Safe

Medical Information

If your child has any specific health issues or needs, please inform staff so that the correct information can be collected. On the rare occasion when medicine must be taken at school, parents **must** complete and **Administration of Medicines** form. Staff **are not allowed to dispense medicines without completion of this form.**

Children with asthma, will be allowed to keep inhalers in Nursery providing they are clearly marked with the child's name and parents have filled in an appropriate **Administration of Medicines** form. If your child suffers from an ongoing medical condition which requires specialist provision, please make an appointment at our school office so that a **Health Care Plan** can be drawn up.

In the event of a child becoming ill or injured at Nursery, trained staff will provide first aid care and seek advice if necessary. We ask that all parents provide us with at least **two** emergency contact numbers so that you can be contacted if needed. If your contact information changes, please ensure that you notify our school office.

Illness

If your child is poorly and is not well enough to attend Nursery, we would ask that you inform us immediately so that we can keep our registration documents updated. Please keep your child at home if they have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, (48 hours) eye infections and unidentified rashes or spots. This allows us to keep the spread of infection to a minimum. We would also ask that you keep us informed and let us know of any medicine that has been administered to your child before they come to school.

Sun Safety

We always try to adapt a common-sense approach to this area of Health and Safety. We strongly recommend that parents apply a sun block before coming into school, that children wear a cap/hat on hot sunny days and that they are encouraged to drink plenty of water.

Headlice

It is not uncommon for young children to contract headlice, which is why we ask that longer hair is tied back. We would ask that parents are diligent and carry out regular checks. Please treat your child immediately and inform school if you discover your child has headlice, so that we can inform other Nursery parents. This will help to contain the problem and will be handled sensitively.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We teach all of our children to respect each other and to act kindly. The teaching of social skills and working together, is an area that all very young children find difficult. We give praise and encouragement when children are spotted being kind and thoughtful. Where a child needs support, an adult will talk them through whatever situation they are struggling with. This is all part of their learning.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Parents should be aware that our Nursery will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. Where we have reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to harm, ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff will follow the Child Protection procedures set down by Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership. (HSSCP)

All staff in Holy Rosary are appointed following the Safer Recruitment procedures.

Attendance

At Holy Rosary we firmly believe that good attendance is essential. It ensures children feel settled and allows them to take full advantage of the learning and development opportunities available. Whilst we understand that Nursery school is not statutory, we would expect that if you have accepted a place at Holy Rosary's Nursery, that you attend wherever possible. Research also shows that good attendance from an early age sets good practice for statutory schooling.

Home Time Arrangements

To avoid any upset to your child, please collect him/her promptly at the end of the session. We are responsible for ensuring the safety of each child in our care therefore:

- Children must be collected by a responsible adult who is known to the school and your child.
- Staff must always know who is expected to collect your child.
- Children will only be handed into the care of the known adult collecting them.
- If someone other than the known adult is to collect your child, you must inform staff in advance and introduce them if they are not already known to us.
- Children **may not** be collected by any other adult without the knowledge and permission of the parent/carer.

If you need to collect your child at a different time, please go to the main school office to do so.

Equal Opportunities & SEND

At Holy Rosary, all children are welcome and we strongly believe that each child is unique and special. We ensure that all children are given the same opportunities to fulfil their potential and to participate in all areas of Nursery life. We continue to take our duties to children with special educational needs and disabilities seriously and will take all reasonable steps to admit children with SEND and give them the fullest possible access to our premises and our curriculum.

Applying for a School Place

Within our starter pack, you will receive a copy of our School Admissions Policy with a reply slip confirming you have read and understood the contents. It is important that you realise that attendance in our Nursery does not automatically guarantee admission into school. This is clearly stated in our policy and on Stockton LA's website. Applications must be made through the Local Authority by applying online when the link opens or by completing and returning a hard copy to them. Please make sure that you return your application before the closing date, as those received after this date will be marked 'late' by the Authority and only considered after places have been allocated to all of the other applicants.

If your child's birthday is between the 1st September and the 31st August the following year, they will be admitted into Reception Class the September before their 5th birthday. Letters are sent mid-November informing you how to apply for your child's primary school.

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01642 552274

School Email: office@holyrosary.bhcet.org.uk

School Website: www.holyrosary.bhcet.org.uk

LA School Admissions: 01642 526605 school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk.

Tucassi Online Payment System: Accessed via our school website's home page

30 Hours Free Childcare: Accessed via our school website's home page.

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If you have any further questions relating to our school, please feel free to contact us. We are more than happy to help. Thank you.