



Welcome to
St. Bede's
Catholic Primary School

Prospectus
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A very warm welcome to St. Bede's Catholic Primary School

It is with great joy and a deep sense of responsibility that I introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, Darlington. Our school is built on the strong foundation of our mission statement: "Love One Another as I Have Loved You." This guiding principle will continue to shape our ethos, inspiring us to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child is cherished and encouraged to reach their full potential.

I am privileged to be supported in this journey by our highly experienced Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Marie-Louise Peacock. With many years of experience in leading Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and providing pastoral support to families, Mrs. Peacock's expertise and dedication are invaluable assets to our school. Together, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and empowered to achieve their best. She will work alongside our dedicated SENDCO and our school PSA, in ensuring our families have the very best support.

At St. Bede's, we are dedicated to creating a positive and enriching educational experience for all our pupils. We believe in a holistic approach to education, where academic excellence is complemented by the development of character, resilience, and compassion. Our goal is to cultivate a love of learning in our pupils and to equip them with the skills and values needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As leaders, we are guided by the Gospel values of love, respect, honesty, and service. These values underpin every decision we make and every initiative we undertake. They remind us to put the needs of our pupils first, to act with integrity and to serve our community with humility and compassion. By embracing these values, we strive to create a school environment that reflects the teachings of Christ and fosters a sense of belonging and purpose for every child.

Together, we will continue to uphold the values of our mission statement and strive to create a school environment where every child can flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

I am honoured to serve as your Headteacher and am excited to see what we will achieve together.

Laura Cuff
Headteacher

Why choose our School?



At our happy community, we believe in nurturing every child's potential. Our dedicated teachers are passionate about providing the best education and support, ensuring each pupil is set up for a bright future.

We focus on preparing our students for their next steps, making sure they are ready and confident to transition to secondary school.

Children love coming here, as we create a welcoming and engaging environment where learning is fun and meaningful.

Our well-resourced EYFS area offers a stimulating and supportive space for our youngest learners to thrive.

We are committed to fostering a love of learning, building strong foundations, and encouraging every child to reach their full potential.

Join us and become part of a community where your child will be happy, supported, and inspired every day.



“Leaders and staff have created a positive, welcoming and caring environment in which pupils feel safe, happy and valued.”



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Our school day

The school day begins 8:50am and ends at different times for each Key Stage.

	Morning	Afternoon
Nursery	8:45am - 11:45am	12:30pm - 3:30pm
Reception	8:50am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Key Stage 1	8:50am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - 3:05pm
Key Stage 2	8:50am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - 3:10pm



Wraparound care

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and is £2.50 per day.

To find out more about our wraparound care, please scan or click the QR code.



Our school uniform



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

Our Uniform:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan.
- White polo shirt.
- Grey or black trousers / skirt / pinafore.
- Sensible black shoes.

P.E. Uniform:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Plain black shorts.
- Trainers.

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Our curriculum

When pupils leave St. Bede's, we want them to know more, remember more and understand more about the world around them.

We aim for all our pupils to have a secure understanding of the academic content of the curriculum, as well as the understanding of how to be socially, morally, spiritually and culturally responsible.

They will be independent, resilient and confident learners, equipped with the knowledge and values needed to continue their learning journey.

Pupils will have a deep understanding of our school and trust values, and demonstrate these in their behaviour, attitude and actions towards others in their community.

Our pupils will have the ability to ask questions and apply their knowledge to think creatively and critically about what they have learnt, making links and connections which deepen their understanding.

They will have a rich vocabulary and be effective communicators who have the foundations to go on to be successful, life-long learners.



“The school has a culture that is aspirational to pupils and staff.”

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“Parents and carers appreciate the care and education that their children receive.”

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Special educational needs and disabilities

St. Bede's aims to offer children an educational experience where staff will strive to identify and remove barriers to learning. We create an environment in which every child is encouraged to reach their potential and ensure quality, access and achievement for all.

At St. Bede's, we strive to be an inclusive school. Inclusion is central in the Catholic ethos and values of the school – a philosophy, which covers every child's right and entitlement to the very best experiences education can offer.

Key Contacts

- SENDCo – Miss Amy Webb



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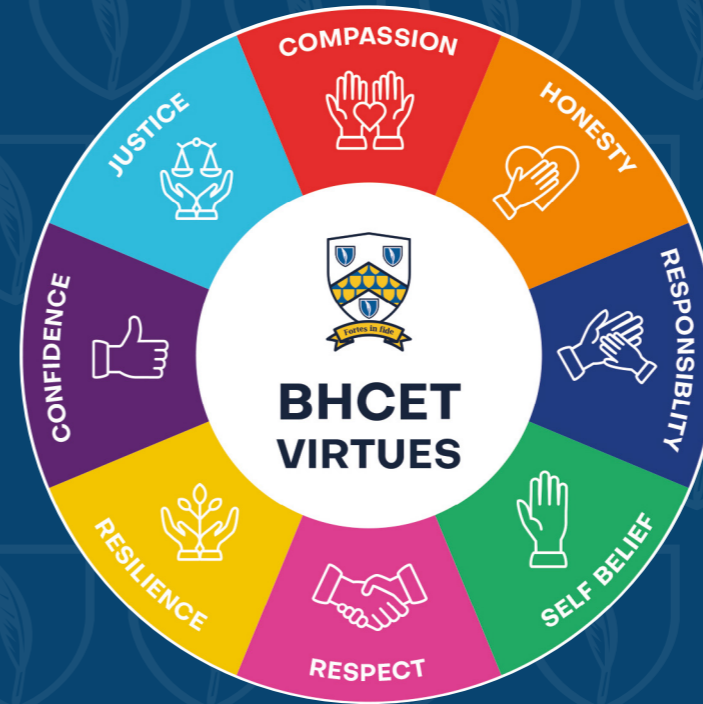
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Our Trust

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.



Apply for a place at St. Bede's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St. Bede's 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 St. Bede's, you will need to apply through Darlington Borough Council's website. Please click the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office. <https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/information/admissions>



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 Darlington Borough Council (<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions>). We highly recommend contacting the school in the first instance for a visit.

Nursery Admissions

At St. Bede's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:45am – 3:30pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.

"Love another as I have loved you"



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