



*Welcome to*  
**St. Chad's**  
Catholic Primary School

**Prospectus**  
2024/25



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*A very warm welcome to*  
**St. Chad's Catholic Primary School**



I am proud to be the Headteacher of this welcoming, happy and calm learning community where the school's values and mission statement, 'come as you are and walk with us', are reflected in every aspect of school life.

We are a wonderful school where "warm relationships exist between pupils and staff and everyone is included." (Ofsted, 2023). At St. Chad's, we are a small, friendly school, which is part of the wider family of schools within the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust.

St. Chad's offers a safe and secure environment in which children feel happy and are given opportunities to reach their full potential. We inspire children to learn from good examples, and 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 is adapted 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, and every person is valued, nurtured and respected as an individual, made in the image of Christ.

**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?



By choosing St. Chad's, your child will embark on a fantastic learning journey where they will flourish. At the heart of St. Chad's lies our exceptional Forest School programme, where nature becomes the classroom and curiosity thrives. Forest School allows our pupils to experience alternative ways of learning, by immersing them in hands-on activities, fostering creativity, resilience, and a deep connection with nature.

Our school is a fantastic place to learn with dedicated staff and a supportive learning environment. We create a love for learning and instill values that shape compassionate and resilient individuals.

Our commitment to each child's well-being extends beyond the classroom. St Chad's is a safe and enriching environment where each individual pupil can excel.

We can't wait to inspire a future filled with limitless possibilities for your child.



'Children get off to a strong start in reception, they learn to express their feelings and emotions in a supportive and safe environment.'



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# Our school day

Children arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am.  
School starts at 9:00am.

- Morning break for all pupils is 10:45am until 11:00am.
- Lunch break starts at 12:00pm. Lunch begins and ends with a prayer.
- Afternoon lessons begin at 1:00pm.
- At the end of the day there is a final prayer.
- All pupils finish at 3:10pm and leave together.



# Wraparound care

St. Chad's runs a **breakfast club** from 7:50am onwards at a cost of £2 per day. Children need to arrive before 8:30am to register for breakfast club. There is also an **after school club** which runs from 3:10pm until 5:10pm every day at a cost of £2 per hour. Children entitled to free school meals can access both clubs at no cost.

The school also has a full programme of **after school clubs** which usually finish by 4:15pm. Information about these can be found on our website or by contacting the school office.



# Our school uniform



The school uniform can be bought from either our supplier (Cre8ive Design) or in any supermarket.

## Our uniform:

- Grey trousers and grey/black socks.
- Grey school skirt and charcoal grey/ black woollen tights or charcoal grey/black socks.
- Black shoes (no trainers or high heels).
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan.

## PE uniform:

- Black plimsolls (trainers for outside use).
- Navy blue PE shorts.
- White t-shirt.
- Black tracksuit bottoms for the winter months.

For swimming, children need a swimming costume, hat and towel in a bag. Children may bring goggles if they would like to.

## In summer (from Easter to the end of the summer term):

- Blue and white gingham dresses.
- White polo shirt and grey trousers or shorts. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.

To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.



# Our curriculum



At St. Chad's, we provide our pupils with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for learning today for life tomorrow.

## Our curriculum is designed to:

- ✓ Recognise pupils' prior learning.
- ✓ Prepare pupils for the next stage of their education.
- ✓ Provide first-hand learning experiences.
- ✓ Allow pupils to develop interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Build resilience.
- ✓ Develop creative, critical thinkers.
- ✓ Develop spirituality through prayer, reflection and celebration.
- ✓ Enable each individual to achieve their full potential.
- ✓ Develop confident, independent, enthusiastic and creative lifelong learners.



“Warm relationships exist between pupils and staff and everyone is included at this school.”

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**“The school is a calm, happy and welcoming learning community.”**

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## Special educational needs and disabilities

As an inclusive school, all teachers at St Chad's teach pupils with special educational needs and 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 ensure that all our SEND pupils are prepared for adulthood.



### Key Contacts

- Headteacher: Miss J Ellison
- SENDCO: Miss R Walton
- SEND Link Governor: Mr S Jackson



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.

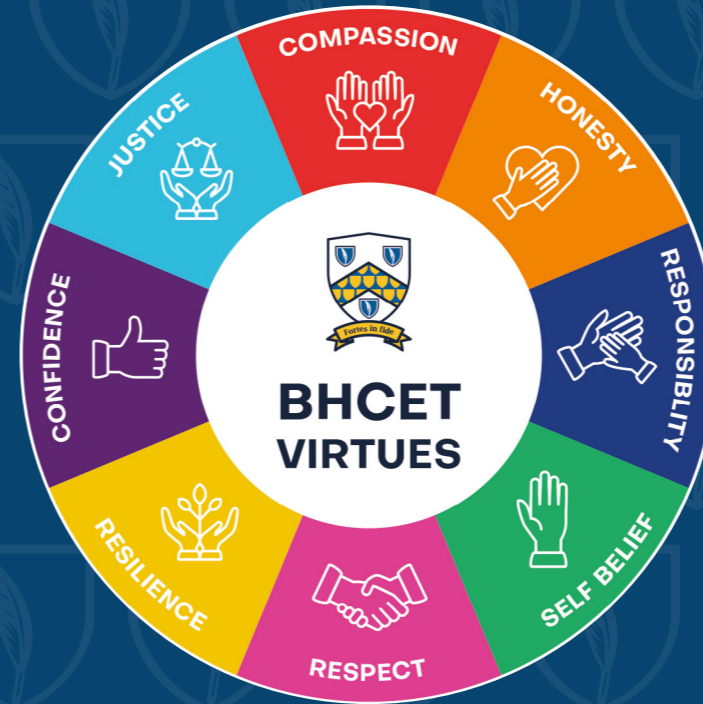
We are committed to the educational welfare of our pupils. This is why we place Christ at the centre and children at the heart.



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OUR VIDEO**



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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. Chad's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child. At St. Chad'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. Chad's, 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://stchads.bhccet.org.uk/information/admissions-policy>



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

If your child is looking to join our school mid-year, please apply through Durham County Council's website (<https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>). We highly recommend contacting the school in the first instance for a visit.

## Nursery Admissions

At St. Chad's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds and above. The nursery is open from 8:45am - 3:15pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website or contact the school office for more information.



*Come as you are and walk with us*



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