



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Live the Light, Share the Light, Be the Light!



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Welcome

Welcome to St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School. I am proud to be Head Teacher of a happy school that puts children at the heart of all decisions. A school that has a shared vision for all children and sees each individual as a family member loved by God.

At St. Cuthbert's Catholic School our faith underpins all that we do and is central to our belief that every child is unique and valued. We nurture our pupils so that they become caring, compassionate human beings ready to make a positive contribution to the wider community. Children leave our school safe in the knowledge that they are loved by God.

Our Motto '**Live the Light, Share the Light, Be the Light**' always reminds us that it is our mission to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live our lives and in the decisions we make.

At St. Cuthbert's School we provide an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere where the needs of the individual are both recognized and well supported. We strive to provide a rich and varied learning environment that enables children to maximize their potential. Our aspirational approach encourages all children to believe in themselves and recognize their right to aim high.

We consider ourselves to be a family where your child can grow, physically, academically, socially and emotionally. We are concerned with the development of the whole child, and their relationship with society and the world in which they live.

We see this as a partnership with parents and aim to involve the family and the wider community wherever possible. Our strength lies in working together as a community towards a shared goal with Christ at the Centre and children at the heart of all we do.

We believe that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. Through our teaching, we equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about their futures. We believe that exciting teaching and learning experiences, and a progressive curriculum with the appropriate level of challenge, will help children to lead happy and rewarding lives.

All are valued and welcome in our wonderful school. Please contact the school to come and look around.



Miss M McElhone
Head Teacher



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Mission Statement

- ★ We will make our school a nice place to be for everyone.
- ★ We will treat each other the way God wants us to.
- ★ We are all part of God's family and we want everyone to be the best that they can be.
- ★ We want to celebrate success so that everyone can feel important and special.
- ★ We want to remember that God is everywhere in the world and that he made us all unique.
- ★ We want to work with parents, our parish and the children in our town, our country and the whole world to make our school a special place to be.

We believe that by our actions we spark a light in each other just like Cuthbert, so that we can each be inspired to realise how wonderful and special we all are and the difference each of our lives can make in the world. We ask the children to stand tall and be a light for all to see!

The School Day

Our school has a Nursery and Reception class which are taught within an Early Years unit. We also have classes for KS1 and KS2 both of whom have their own playground, although children are sometimes brought together at lunchtimes through our Opal play and for other events.

Nursery children are eligible for a funded place in our school the term following their third birthday. However, we invite children in from when they turn 3. All children are offered 15 hours per week and we are flexible to suit the needs of our families as to how this 15 hours is offered. We also offer 30 hours for families who are eligible. To find out if you are eligible please visit www.childcarechoices.co.uk. Our website also sets out the criteria for eligibility.

Children who are in school for 30 hours can have a school meal at a cost of £2.20 or they can bring a packed lunch. Those children who are only entitled to 15 hours can be booked in for extra sessions by contacting the school office. Extra sessions are charged at £12.50. For those children who are entitled to 30 hours provision (6 hours per day), there are no additional costs. Children are on site from 8.50 – 3.15 pm but the additional time is not charged for.

	Morning	Afternoon	
Nursery Sessions	8.50 am* – 11.50 am	12.15 pm – 3.15 pm	Nursery children can also attend for full days 8.50am – 3.15pm
Reception	9.00 am – 11.50 noon	12.30 pm – 3.15 pm	
Key Stage 1	9.00 am – 12.00 noon	1.00 pm – 3.15 pm	
Key Stage 2	9.00 am – 12.15 pm	1.00 pm – 3.15 pm	

*Please note that the children are supervised from 8.50 am. They should not be in school before that time if they are not receiving wrap-around care.



'The school is outstanding in its work around Pupils' welfare and personal development.' - Ofsted



Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club

We run a Breakfast Club which is open from **7:45 am until the start of school** at a cost of **£2.00 per child per day**, which includes breakfast, drinks and a range of activities. Our breakfast club is sponsored by **Magic Breakfast**, which enables us to keep the cost down for parents.

We ask that children arrive before 8:30 am if they require breakfast. Parents book for the breakfast club using the online payment system '**Scopay**'. However, if attendance is required without notice, it can also be used as a drop off service.

Afterschool Child-Care

We also offer an After School Club from **the end of the school day until 5.45 pm**. The daily cost is £5.00 from 3.15 pm until 4.30 pm or £8.00 from 3.15 pm until 5.45 pm. Children will also receive a snack, a drink and various activities will be offered.

Parents must come to the main entrance/reception to collect their child. Please ring the bell and a member of staff will come to you.

Parents will complete a form when their child starts informing the school who will be picking their child up at the end of a school day or from the after school club.

Please ensure if anyone different is collecting your child from our After School Club, you provide school with a password. Parents book for After School Club using the online payment system '**Scopay**'.

If attendance is required without notice, parents can ring the school before 2pm for the child to attend that day. Other Extra Curricular Clubs after school are also offered during the year and parents will be notified of these clubs on a termly basis. There is a small cost for these clubs. The clubs usually finish at approx. 4.15pm-4.30pm. If required, children can then access our After School Club until 5.45pm at a cost of £5.

Payment for the above must be via Scopay as we are a cashless school. We do accept childcare vouchers or payment via the 20% tax free childcare scheme. Please inform the school office if you wish to pay by these methods.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone!

At St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, we place utmost importance on our duty to keep children safe from all forms of harm. All staff recognize the essential part they play in identifying dangers, keeping children safe and protecting them from harm. All staff are trained regularly to ensure they are up to date with current regulations and guidelines.

As a school:

- ★ We work hard to establish and maintain a school environment where children feel safe and secure and where they know that they will be listened to in an open and positive atmosphere.
- ★ We ensure that children know that they can approach any member of staff if they are worried or in difficulty.
- ★ We actively seek the views of children – listening to them and involving them in decisions about our school and their education.
- ★ We work in partnership with our families to ensure that we are open and transparent regarding any concerns we may have.
- ★ We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.

If any member of our school community has a concern regarding the safety of our children, we would ask them to approach a member of our safeguarding team.



'They set high standards and expectations for everyone.' - Ofsted



SEND

At St.Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School we believe that inclusive education means providing all pupils with appropriate education and support alongside their peers.

Every child is seen as unique at our school and nurtured to achieve their full potential.

It is our policy to provide learning experiences that are differentiated to take account of the needs and attainments of all our children. Children with special needs will be identified at the earliest possible opportunity and supported by the staff of the school in accordance with government legislation.

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), is able to support and coordinate advice for other professionals including the Local Authority Special Needs Team and Educational Psychologist.

Parents will regularly be invited to share their knowledge, views and experience of their child's special needs in order to ensure the most appropriate provision is provided.

Children will also be given the opportunity to reflect on their needs and have their views taken into account.

Our Special Educational Needs Policy reflects the changes recommended by the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2014.

Please see our website for further information regarding SEND.

Admissions

Choosing a new school for your child is one of the most important decisions you have to make as a parent and we hope that we will be your first choice. We welcome all children, regardless of background, religion, ethnicity, Special educational needs or disability and strive to make transition to our school as smooth and supportive as possible. We achieve this by working closely with each child and their parents and a child's previous school or other multi-agency professionals.

For pupils with special educational needs or disabilities, we would ask parents to discuss the identified needs with the school prior to starting so that appropriate intervention and support can be planned and implemented. Advice from the LA or other agencies may be requested to ensure any the school can meet any needs appropriately.

Visit the Durham County Council website for information regarding the school admission process and primary school admissions. The application can be downloaded from this website and returned via email or post. Applications should not be made to the school directly.

Children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (or Statement of Special Education Needs) follow a different admission and transfer process for a new school.

Please continue to complete Durham County Council's parental preference form, as part of the admission process to a new school.

You continue to have a right to request a particular school and this will be considered alongside the information that we have about your child's special educational needs.

The information would have been provided as part of the Education, Health and Care assessment or following the review meeting.

You are more than welcome to visit us before you make your decision. The admission limit for the number of pupils in each year group at our school is 30.

If you would like further information about applying for a place in our school please don't hesitate to contact us.



'Pupils' behaviour and attitudes towards learning are good and they show a high level of respect for everyone in school.' - Ofsted



School Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at St. Cuthbert's Catholic School and the children always look very smart. We try to ensure that there is a limit on unnecessary spending therefore we only ask that sweatshirts/ cardigans and book bags have our school logo on them, which are available from www.ahyde.co.uk

Uniform (Reception-Year 6):

- ★ Maroon Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- ★ Grey Trousers (not leggings) or grey skirt
- ★ White Polo Shirt
- ★ Black Shoes suitable for running and playing in. (Boots are not suitable for indoor wear)
- ★ Wellingtons (to remain in school)

Summer Uniform (Optional):

- ★ Grey Shorts
- ★ Red / burgundy Gingham Dress

Nursery Uniform:

- ★ as above except for colours of Sweatshirts/polo shirts
- ★ Red or sky blue sweatshirt with school logo
- ★ Gold (Yellow) or red polo shirt
- ★ Grey Trousers/skirt or pinafore

PE Kit:

- ★ Red T-Shirt
- ★ Black or grey shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- ★ Suitable footwear for PE

Please do not allow your child to bring a rucksack into school as they become a trip hazard as we do not have the storage capacity. Please only bring a separate bag if your child is swimming.

Curriculum

We believe that childhood should be a happy, investigative and enquiring time in our lives, where there are no limits to curiosity and there is a thirst for new experiences and knowledge.

We are guided by our Trust Virtues (Resilience, Honesty, Compassion, Justice, Confidence, Respect and Self-Belief) which promote positive attitudes to learning and life and which reflect the values and skills needed to promote responsibility for their own future success and the social conscience to help others.

Children leave St. Cuthbert's with a strong sense of belonging to a tightly knit and happy community where they have the confidence and skills to make good decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners. At St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary school we provide a broad and balanced curriculum for children of all ages, a curriculum that is engaging, exciting and empowering equipping them both for today and tomorrow. Children in the Nursery and Reception years follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYF) and children from Year 1 to Year 6 follow the National Curriculum.

Our curriculum is designed to promote an enjoyment of learning, is 'knowledge rich', recognises children's prior learning, provides first hand learning experiences, allows the children to develop interpersonal skills, builds resilience and empowers them to become creative, critical thinkers. We know how important it is for our children to have a range of experiences that help them to develop their understanding of the world around them, to be responsible members of society and to recognise the wide range of opportunities and interests that are available to them.

We actively plan for opportunities to engage our children and spark in them an interest beyond their immediate setting:

- ★ Our Mini Vinnie's work on activities to support not only the local community but also wider afield
- ★ Being part of the RSC Shakespeare project and Shakespeare in Schools
- ★ Creating and developing International links
- ★ Working on STEM activities with local companies
- ★ Inviting artists, performers, authors and poets to visit school
- ★ Participating in Artists in Residence schemes
- ★ Taking part in local arts festivals
- ★ Participating in local choral events and concerts
- ★ Being part of the Mini Police scheme which encourages children to become responsible community members
- ★ Visits to Houses of Parliament to enthuse children about democracy and the importance of having their opinion heard
- ★ Links with Durham University to work with students to raise aspirations and extend learning.



'The Catholic Life of the school is outstanding because the well-being and personal development of each Pupil is at the heart of the school's vision and the staff and governors are united in implementing this across all areas of school life.' - Diocesan RE Inspection

Parent Feedback

At St. Cuthbert's we always look for opportunities to celebrate children's successes and be involved in a range of wider opportunities. We are proud to be a small part of our families' lives and appreciate being able to make a difference for our children.

It is lovely to hear from our parents through questionnaires:

"All staff that I meet dropping off and picking up are warm and welcoming. Both my children are happy going to school and I feel that they have a strong sense of belonging there, which is so important to me."

"Everything is great in all the aspects of the school curriculum, and nothing is too much for the staff."

"Fantastic, inclusive school. I particularly like the focus around being kind, helping others, and generally encouraging inclusive behaviour, which I feel is just as important as the education."

"This school has been brilliant for my daughter. She loves the teachers, the work set for her, and most of all, her friends. The school have pushed my daughter well and she continues to achieve excellent results and her learning development is fantastic."

"All of the staff are extremely approachable at any time if a problem occurs, and the children are aware of this also. It is a brilliant environment, safe and secure and therefore comfort of knowing that they are learning happily."

"I can't fault the school on anything at all; my child loves the school, teachers are easy to talk to and explain everything."

"There is such a strong bond between the wider community. The school acknowledges change and ideas. My child is happy, motivated and is recognized as an individual."

"The school supports us with my son's disabilities. Very helpful and understanding."

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust

The aim of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust is to provide a practical and moral purpose to the furthering of education, giving strength and a collective responsibility for the educational welfare of pupils in our schools.

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust has overarching accountability and governance of a number of Academies.

All members benefit from the strong ethos and quality governance. Research School status and strong links with the National College for Teaching and Leadership means that professional development of staff is central to the work of the Trust.

Being members of the trust has formalised the collaboration between schools sharing a vision to provide the best possible outcomes for all our children. This is an exciting time for all the schools involved and we provide a wealth of opportunities for students and staff across the Trust.

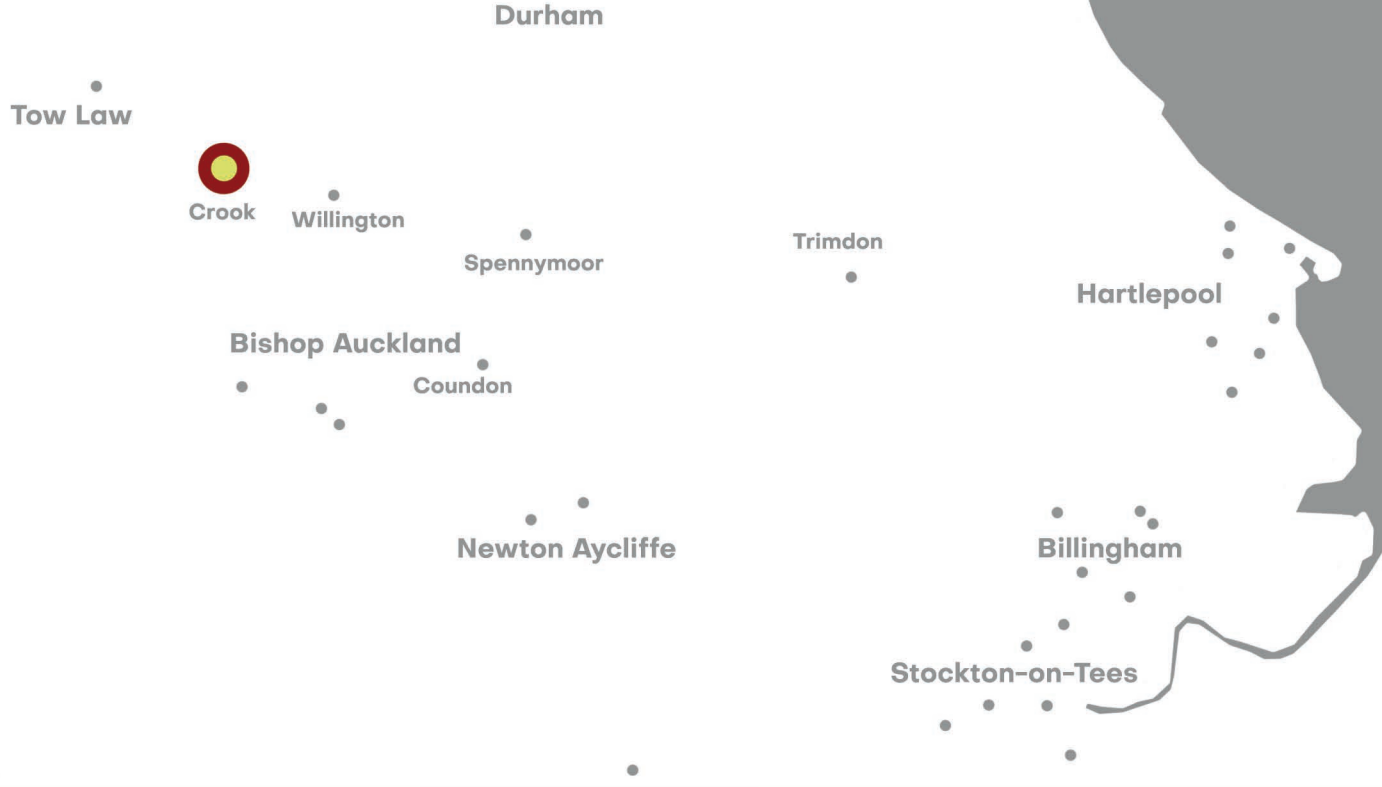
Our schools will be places of excellence – providing service and witness to children, their families and the wider Catholic community, adding value as a family of schools and enriching the learning and experience of all our young people so they may achieve their full potential.

Shaping Futures, Fulfilling Dreams



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