



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

**Prospectus**  
2024/25



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

I am proud to be Headteacher of a happy and nurturing school that puts children at the heart of all decisions. A school that has a shared vision for all children and sees everyone as a family member.

At St. Cuthbert's, 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 and compassionate human beings, ready to make a positive contribution to the wider community.

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, we provide an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere where the needs of the individual are both recognised and well supported. We consider ourselves to be a family where your child can grow physically, academically, socially and emotionally.

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

*Michelle McElhone*  
**Headteacher**

# Why choose our school?



At St. Cuthbert we offer a haven for our children. We don't just teach, we nurture, guide, and inspire. Every child is cherished, valued, and given the tools to thrive.

We believe in providing opportunities that go beyond the classroom, fostering creativity, resilience, and a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

Our dedicated staff pour their hearts into caring for each and every child, ensuring they feel safe, supported, and empowered to reach for the stars. We're not just preparing them for tomorrow, we're setting them up for success in their journey through education and beyond.

Join us and be part of a community where every child's potential is unlocked, where dreams are nurtured, and where their future is bright.



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# Our school day

Gates open at 8:40am and lessons begin at 8:50am.  
The school day finishes at 3:15pm.

**“They set high standards and expectations for everyone.”**

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## Our nursery

**Eligibility:** Children become eligible for a funded place in our nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. However, children may start attending from their 3rd birthday.

**Hours Offered:**

**15 Hours Per Week:** All children receive 15 hours per week.

We offer flexible scheduling to accommodate family needs.

**30 Hours Per Week:** Available for eligible families.

**Meals and Additional Sessions:**

**30 Hours:** Children attending for 30 hours can have a school meal for £2.20 or bring a packed lunch. There are no additional costs for the 30 hour provision.

**15 Hours:** Extra sessions can be booked at £13.50 per session.

**For further details or to arrange extra sessions, please contact the school office.**



## Wraparound care

**Breakfast Club:**

Children can arrive from 7:45 am.  
The cost of the club is £3 per child

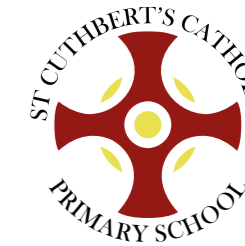
**Afterschool Child Care:**

After school club is available until 5:15pm

£5 from 3:15pm-4:15pm  
£6.50 from 3:15pm-4:45pm  
£8 from 3:15pm-5:15pm

After school club must be booked and paid for in advance

## Our school uniform



**The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier, Andrew Hyde, or in any supermarket.**

**Our uniform:**

- Grey trousers or skirt.
- White polo shirt (non-branded).
- Burgundy / maroon sweatshirt or cardigan branded.
- White, grey or black socks or grey tights.
- Black shoes.

**PE uniform:**

- Black shorts for PE.
- Grey or black tracksuit bottoms for PE in the winter months.
- Red t-shirt for PE (branded although non-branded ones may also be worn).
- Trainers.

**Nursery uniform:**

- Sky blue or red sweatshirt.

**To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.**



# Our curriculum



We provide a rich and varied learning environment that enables our children to maximize their potential. Our aspirational approach encourages all children to believe in themselves and recognise their right to aim high no matter what their starting point is. We consider ourselves to be a family where children can grow, physically, academically, socially and emotionally. We are concerned with the development of the whole child, his/her 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.



**“The school is outstanding in its work around pupils’ welfare and personal development.”**  
Ofsted





**“Pupils’ behaviour  
and attitudes  
towards learning  
are good and they  
show a high level of  
respect for  
everyone  
in school”**

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

M McElhone - Headteacher

F Bissell - SENCo

To find out more  
please scan  
the QR code





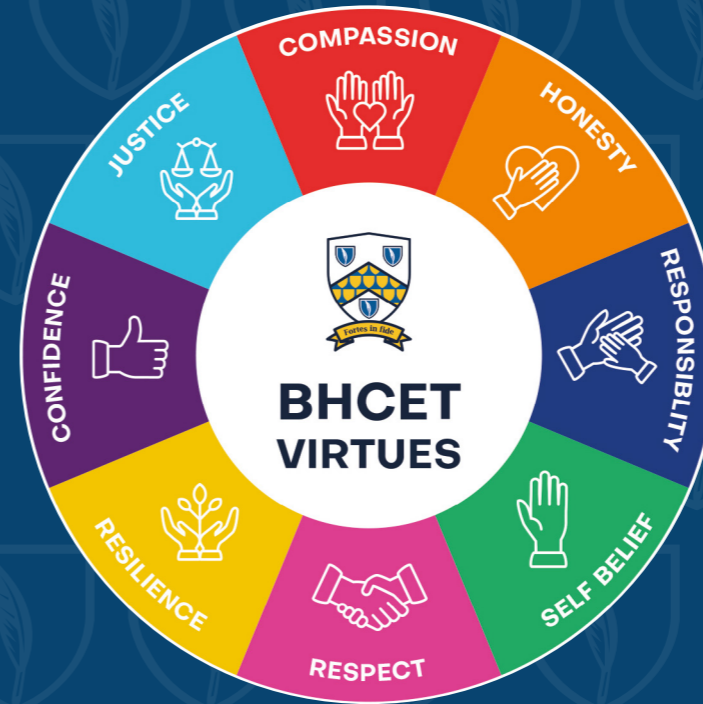
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## Our Trust

**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.



# Apply for a place at St. Cuthbert's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St. Cuthbert'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. Cuthbert's, you will need to apply through Durham County Council's website. Please click the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office. <https://stcuthbertscrook.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 Durham County Council (<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 St. Cuthbert's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:50am – 3:15pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.



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