

# Welcome to St Patrick's Early Years!

## Nursery September 2020




At St Patrick's the Nursery and Reception classes work together as a unit, which means that although they have separate group teaching sessions, the children have time to play and explore together and learn from one another, which is a great benefit to their social development. It also means that the Foundation Stage staff work as a team.

**Nursery:** Miss Smith, Mrs Saunderson

**Reception:** Miss O'Callaghan, Mrs Hughes

**Early Years Lead:** Mrs Potts

	
Miss Smith	Mrs Saunderson

		
Miss O'Callaghan	Mrs Hughes	Mrs Potts

Working as a team, we plan and work closely together in order to ensure we meet all the children's needs in terms of learning and social and emotional well-being. While all of us will work with and get to know all the children, it is important for children and their families to have someone who is their "special" person, and first point of contact. This will be your child's "Key Person".

### **Tapestry**

We use the online "Tapestry" system to help us monitor and celebrate each child's learning. Early in the autumn term we will support you in accessing Tapestry if you are not familiar with it, so you can see how your child is learning in school and some of the things they are enjoying.

### **The Foundation Stage principles and curriculum**

At St Patrick's the key principles of early years practice are at the heart of everything we do. These are:

**A unique child, Positive relationships, Learning and development and Enabling environments.**

Teaching and learning approaches include play-based activities chosen, created or led by children, and those which are adult-directed, whether working in a small group or through whole-class teaching. The balance between the different types of learning develops with your child as they move through Nursery and Reception, as children become ready to concentrate for longer, and work in a more formal way, to enable them to be confident and ready for Year One.

The Foundation Stage curriculum is made up of seven "areas of learning". These are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Literacy (reading and writing)
- Maths (numbers, and shape, space and measure)
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

*At St Patrick's Religious Education and our ethos of peace, love and understanding are also at the heart of all we do.*

We plan flexibly for teaching and learning by linking these different areas through a wide variety of attractive and engaging activities and themes, taking ideas from the children's interests as well as events happening around the time. We base our planning around books, carefully choosing key texts to use over several weeks. As we move through the books we find ways to involve the children in meaningful activities which may be linked to the texts to help them in all areas of learning. We continually identify and discuss "next steps" for the children and take these into account as we plan as a team.

### Daily routine

Morning Nursery:	8.45 - 11.45
Afternoon Nursery:	12.15 - 3.15
Reception:	8.45 - 3.15



**Good attendance helps your child to make friends and learn!**

*It is very important that your child is in school on time and that you are on time to collect them.*

### Uniform

Nursery: Uniform is not required, but we consider the school tracksuit to be very practical.

Reception: Children may wear the school tracksuit and black trainers as the children access a lot of outdoor learning experiences.

**Please keep an eye on the school twitter and website for up to date information relating to the start of term and school in general:**

**Website:** [www.stpatricksliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stpatricksliverpool.co.uk)

**Twitter:** @st\_patricks

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED!**