



# 2023-2024 School Prospectus



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## The School

Our Lady of Lourdes is a Catholic School which aims to give the best possible education to all the children who attend it within an open, friendly and welcoming community. On the 1st January 2021, the school merged with the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company to form a county wide academy of eleven Oxfordshire Catholic schools.

The school is built in the market town of Witney, to the west of Oxfordshire. It was opened in 1959 and two more classrooms were added in 1963. Since then there have been several other extensions, including a large junior school building in the 1990's providing a good range of facilities for staff and pupils.

Our mission statement 'We learn with God as our Guide' forms the basis of our school aims and objectives and it is underpinned by our **FAITH** where God guides us to:

*Follow Jesus on the path of spiritual awareness and moral responsibility*

*Allow everyone's successes to be celebrated and rewarded*

*Involve our whole school and parish community to ensure we are safe and nurtured*

*Teach others by setting a good example based on the Gospel Values and Virtues*

*Have high expectations and ambitions that challenge us to be a worthwhile member of the global family*

Our school motto is "Caritas Christi urget nos", meaning "The love of Christ fills us with enthusiasm". This motto is from the Sisters of Charity, the religious order which provided the first Headmistress of our school, Sister Petronilla Maher (1959-1978). The armorial symbol of the school, displayed on the school sweatshirts, is also that of the Sisters of Charity.

The school is situated within a three and a half acre site, just off the Curbridge Road in Witney. The school has a large hard surface play area surrounded by playing fields and shrubbery. A recently installed outdoor 'trim trail' for the children is available to use, with activity equipment added to provide more physical activity and fun.

There are 180 children aged four to eleven on roll. Up to 30 children are admitted each September to the Reception Class. Children aged four years on August 31st are eligible for admission during the Autumn Term. Reception children are invited to spend some time in the school prior to commencing full-time attendance. This normally takes place during the Summer Term. At the beginning of July, a meeting is organised for their parents so that the school's aims and objectives can be discussed. Parents of intending pupils are always invited to visit the school before a child is admitted. The school is organised into seven mixed ability classes; Reception Class, two classes at Key Stage 1 and four at Key Stage 2. All children are in year groups and within each class; teaching is adapted to the age and ability of the child.



# School Mission Statement

We learn with God as our Guide.

## Aims of the School

Our school, which looks to Christ for the basis of its existence, aims to show concern for all connected with the school. We see ourselves as vital to the life and worship of the parish.

Our school is distinguished by the quality of care, support and respect shown between its members.

- Our school aims to make worship in all forms central to the life of the school and aims to promote the spiritual growth of all its members.
- We aim to ensure that our whole curriculum, including the National Curriculum, is delivered within a Catholic environment in which pupils can grow and acquire concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and values in preparation for future life.
- Our school acknowledges that each person is unique and we should strive for the fullest development of every pupil and all those who work in the school, promoting equal opportunity and respect for all.
- Our school aims to promote justice and understanding in our world by forging positive links with the community, other schools, other faiths and the world of work.

In declaring these aims, the term 'school' encompasses all the staff, pupils, parents, Academy Committee, clergy and everybody concerned in the organisation and running of the school. The aims are not listed in any order of priority.



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL COMMUNITY Local Governing Board

Mr C Rose	Chair (Foundation)
Mrs A Warren	Vice-Chair (Foundation)
Fr P Broun	(Foundation)
Mr N Kavanagh	(Foundation)
Mr J Amuah Furster	(Foundation)
Mrs B Ejoh	(Parent)
Ms H Bailey	(Parent)
Mr D O'Connor	(Ex-officio /Principal)
Mrs S Smith	(Staff)
Mrs V Williams	(Co-opted staff)

## Teaching Staff

**Principal:** Mr D O'Connor

**Vice Principal:** Mrs V Williams

**Teaching Staff:** Miss K Lambe, Miss E André, Mrs S Wilsker, Mrs S Smith, Mrs L Kilby-Salt, Mrs C Allinson, Mrs V O'Kane, Mrs Wilson.

## Teaching Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs P Howlett, Miss A M Reynolds, Mrs B Windle, Mrs E Genese, Mrs J Cousins, Mrs L Miles, Mrs J Davies-Clark, Mrs N Foxley, Mrs V Hopgood, Mrs Claridge.

## Non-teaching staff

Mrs C Barton	(School Business Manager & PA to Principal)
Mrs C Fletcher	(Office Administrator)
Mr O Collins	(Office Administrator)

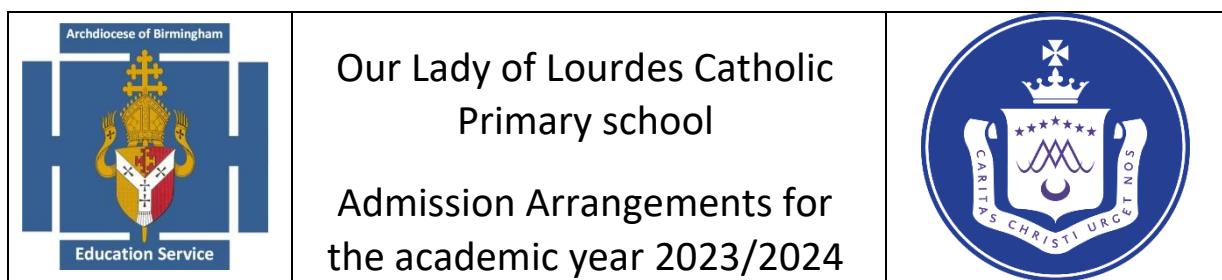
## Before and After School Club (BASC) staff

Mrs N Foxley	BASC Coordinator
Ms K Davis	Play worker
Mrs V Hopgood	Play worker
Mrs J Cousins	Play Worker

## Support Staff

Mr A Campbell	Caretaker
LC Housekeeping	Cleaning services





Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is part of the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company. The admissions authority for the school is the Board of Directors of the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company who has responsibility for admissions to this school. The Board of Directors has delegated responsibility for the administration of the admissions process to the Academy Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.

The admissions process for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is part of the Oxfordshire Local Authority co-ordinated admissions scheme. To apply for a place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in the normal admissions round, an application must be made using the school admission application process of the local authority in which you live naming Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School on the application form. Applications need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must also be completed and returned directly to the school by the same date (see Note 2).

All applications which are submitted on time will be considered at the same time, after the closing date.

You will be advised of the outcome of your application on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023, or the next working day, by the local authority on behalf of the school.

Please note that throughout this policy, the term parent means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child and any person who has care of a child.

The ethos of this school is Catholic. The school was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will be given to Catholic children in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below. The school is conducted by its Board of Directors as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We therefore hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

The Board of Directors has set its admission number at 30 pupils to be admitted to the Reception class in the school year which begins in September 2023. (See Note 1 below)

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. If there is oversubscription within a category, the Board of Directors will give priority to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance (see Note 6).

For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on the Archdiocese of Birmingham parish boundary map which can be accessed at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/boundary-map> and will be applied to the admission arrangements for the academic year 2023/2024.

#### Oversubscription Criteria

1. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who are looked after or previously looked after (See Note 3 below).
2. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) living in the Parishes of Our Lady and St Hugh, Witney or St Peter, Eynsham who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) attending Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) of staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School living within the Parishes of Our Lady and St Hugh, Witney or St Peter, Eynsham (see Note 5 below).
4. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) living in the Parishes of Our Lady and St Hugh, Witney or St Peter, Eynsham.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) attending Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School at the time of admission.
6. Other Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) of staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (see Note 5 below).
7. Other Baptised Catholic children (see note 2 below).
8. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after (See Note 3 below).
9. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) attending Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School at the time of admission.
10. Non-Catholic children of staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (see Note 5 below).
11. Non-Catholic children.

#### Note 1

Children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school **MUST** be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants. This is not an oversubscription criteria.

#### Note 2

In all categories, for a child to be considered as Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. For a definition of a Baptised Catholic, see the Appendix. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church should contact their Parish Priest.

Parents making an application for a Catholic child should also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) **which should be returned directly to the school**. If you do not provide the information required in the Supplementary Information Form and return it by the closing date, together with all supporting documentation, this is likely to affect the criteria that your child is placed into, which is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place at this school.

For the purposes of this policy, a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the carers is Catholic will be considered as Catholic. The carer must forward a copy of their own Catholic Baptismal or Reception certificate directly to the school in order for this priority to be given to the child as failure to do so will result in the looked after child being ranked as a non-Catholic.

#### Note 3

A "looked after child" has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (eg children with foster parents) at the time of making the application to the school. A "previously looked after child" is a child who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special



guardianship order and includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

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**Note 4**

For all applicants the definition of a brother or sister is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent
- A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parents' marriage or civil partnership, or where they are unrelated but their parents are living as partners.
- Adopted or fostered children

**Note 5**

Children of staff will be considered where the staff member has been employed at the school for two or more years:

- at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or
- the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

**Note 6**

Distances are calculated on the basis of the shortest designated route from the 'seed point' of the child's home address and the front gate. The Local Authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in metres and the measurement is then converted into miles. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot a child's home address and the address of the school. A full explanation of the process of measuring distances from home to school is detailed in Annex C of the Determined Schedule of Co-Ordination for Admission available on Oxfordshire County Council's School Admissions website.

In a very small number of cases, where the school is oversubscribed, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and the school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both, or all, of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority, on behalf of the Board of Directors, will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

The Board of Directors will, where possible, admit twins and all siblings from multiple births where one of the children is the last child ranked within the school's published admission number.

A child's home address refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer and will be the address provided in the Local Authority's Common Application Form.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address provided in the Local Authority's Common Application Form, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to satisfy the Board of Directors that the child lives at the address put forward by the parents.

If a place in the school is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to be withdrawn.

### **SCHOOL ENTRY**

Parents must, by law, ensure that their child is receiving suitable full time education from the beginning of the term following the child's fifth birthday, when they will have begun to be of compulsory school age.

Where a place is offered in the school, the pupil will be entitled to take up that place, on a full-time basis in the September following their fourth birthday.

A child's parents may defer the date at which their child, below compulsory school age, is admitted to the school, until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the first day of the summer term 2024.

A child may take up a part-time place until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which the child reached compulsory school age.

Upon receipt of the offer of a place a parent should notify the school, as soon as possible, that they wish to either defer their child's entry to the school or take up a part-time place.

The parent of a child whose fifth birthday falls during the summer term who wishes to defer their child's admission until the beginning of the following academic year (when the child will have begun to be of compulsory school age) will therefore need to make a separate in-year application for a place in Year 1 at the school. Any reception class place offered following an application made for the 2023/2024 admission round will be withdrawn if the child does not take up that place by the first day of the summer term 2024.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN TO BE ADMITTED INTO A CLASS OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP**

Parents have the right to request, but not insist, that their child be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group. This could be the case, for example, if a child is gifted and talented, has experienced problems such as ill health, or that the child is summer born, ie a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August. Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group must make an application for the normal age group in the first instance. Parents must then submit a formal request to the Board of Directors for the child to be considered for a different age group class instead. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why they wish for their child to be considered to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that they wish to be taken into account as part of that request.

The Board of Directors will consider requests submitted for a child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and advise parents of the outcome of that request before national offer day, having taken into account the information provided by the parents, the child's best interests and the views of the Head Teacher.

If the request is refused, the original application for the normal age group class will progress through the Local Authority co-ordinated admissions scheme, be considered by the Board of Directors and the parents advised of the outcome.

If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is a current year group in the school, then the application will be considered by the Board of Directors and the parents advised of the outcome.

If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is for a future year group, ie Reception in September 2023, then the original application is withdrawn and the parents must submit a fresh application for Reception 2023 when applications open in the autumn term of 2022. Please note that parents only have the right to re-apply for a place. Where the Board of Directors agrees to consider an application for Reception the following year, that application is considered alongside all other applications received and parents will be advised of the outcome of that application on national offer day. No place is reserved or held for the child in advance.

If parents are considering submitting an application for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, it is strongly recommended that they also read the DFE guidance which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>

#### **APPEALS**

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Board of Directors to refuse their child a place in the school should make that appeal request in writing to the Chair of the Board of Directors at the school address. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Please note that parents do not have the right to appeal if their request for their children to be admitted to a class outside of their normal year group has been refused, but the Board of Directors have offered a place in the normal age group instead.

#### **REPEAT APPLICATIONS**

Any parent can apply for a place for their child at any time outside of the normal admissions round. Parents do not have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same school for the same academic year unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors has accepted a second application from the parent because of a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school, but have still refused admission.

#### **LATE APPLICATIONS**

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the Local Authority's co-ordinated admissions scheme. This states that on-time applications will be considered before late applications, except:

- If the late application can clearly be shown as being the responsibility of an admitting authority (ie, the school in this case) or the local authority; or
- If there are extenuating circumstances, for example when a sudden illness prevents the parent from submitting the application on time. Extenuating circumstances cannot be taken into account once the iterative process has begun.

Parents who need a school place for their child and have not made an on-time application, will be asked by the local authority to complete a paper form. Parents will still be required to return a Supplementary Information Form (see note 2 above) and return it directly to the school.

You are encouraged to ensure that your application is received on time.

### **CHANGE IN PREFERENCE**

Once parents have submitted their preference, they will not be allowed to change them without an exceptional change in their circumstances, for example, if the family has recently moved address or an older sibling has changed schools. All requests to change preferences should be made in writing to the Local Authority to whom the parents submitted the original application. Where a change of preference is submitted for an oversubscribed school, without an exceptional change in circumstances, then the application will be refused.

### **WAITING LIST**

In addition to their right to appeal, children who have not been offered a place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School but were offered a school that was ranked as a lower preference on their application form will be added to a waiting list.

The waiting list will be maintained until the last day of the summer term 2024 and will then be discarded.

A child's position on a waiting list is not fixed. When a new child joins the waiting list, all applicants on that waiting list will be re-ranked to ensure that the list is always maintained in oversubscription criteria order. This means that a child's position on the waiting list could go up or down during the time that it is on the list. Any late applications accepted will be added to the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Inclusion on the waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available. It may be that those already offered places may accept them, thereby filling all available places.

Children who are the subject of a direction by the Local Authority to admit or who are allocated to a school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol take precedence over those on a waiting list.

### **IN YEAR FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL**

The Board of Directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admission round the Board of Directors is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The Board of Directors has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number subject to the infant class size exceptions.

### **APPLICATIONS OTHER THAN THE NORMAL INTAKE TO RECEPTION CLASS (IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS)**

An application can be made for a place for a child at any time outside the normal admission round and the child will be admitted where there are places available. Applications should be made via the County Council ([www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or by telephoning the admissions team on 01865 815175). The Local Authority will consult with the Academy Committee. Where there are places available but more applications than places, the published oversubscription criteria, as set out for the normal round of admissions, will be applied.

If there are no places available, the child will be added to the waiting list (see above).

Parents will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing and, where the Board of Director's decision is to refuse their child a place, have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a child to this school.

## APPENDIX

### DEFINITION OF A “BAPTISED CATHOLIC”

A “Baptised Catholic” is one who:

- Has been baptised into full communion (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 837*) with the Catholic Church by the Rites of Baptism of one of the various ritual Churches in communion with the See of Rome. Written evidence of this baptism can be obtained by recourse to the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the baptism took place (Cf. *Code of Canon Law, 877 & 878*).

Or

- Has been validly baptised in a separated ecclesial community and subsequently received into full communion with the Catholic Church by the *Rite of Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church*. Written evidence of their baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church can be obtained by recourse to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases, a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the *Rite of Reception* took place (Cf. *Rite of Christian Initiation, 399*).

### WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM



The Governing bodies of Catholic schools and Boards of Directors of Catholic Academies will require written evidence in the form of a Certificate of Baptism or Certificate of Reception before applications for school places can be considered for categories of “Baptised Catholics”. A Certificate of Baptism or Reception is to include: the full name, date of birth, date of Baptism or Reception, and parent(s) name(s). The certificate must also show that it is copied from the records kept by the place of Baptism or Reception.

Those who would have difficulty obtaining written evidence of Catholic Baptism/Reception for a good reason, may still be considered as Baptised Catholics but only after they have been referred to their parish priest who, after consulting the Vicar General, will decide how the question of Baptism/Reception is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

Those who would be considered to have good reason for not obtaining written evidence would include those who cannot contact the place of Baptism/Reception due to persecution or fear, the destruction of the church and the original records, or where Baptism/Reception was administered validly but not in the Parish church where records are kept.

Governors and Boards of Directors may request extra supporting evidence when the written documents that are produced do not clarify the fact that a person was baptised or received into the Catholic Church, (i.e. where the name and address of the Church is not on the certificate or where the name of the Church does not state whether it is a Catholic Church or not.)

For the purposes of this policy, a looked after child (see Note 3) living with a family where at least one of the parents/carers is Catholic will be considered as Catholic.

	<p>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2023/2024</p>	
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### Supplementary Information Form

The ethos of this school is Catholic. The school was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will be given to Catholic children in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed in the school's published admissions policy. The school is conducted by its Board of Directors as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ. As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We therefore hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an application who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

Child's Surname:	
Child's First Name(s):	
Address:	
Contact number:	

Please tick the appropriate boxes below:

Is the above named child a Baptised Catholic or have they been received into the Catholic Church?	Yes*		No	
Is the certificate of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church attached?	Yes		No*	

\*A Certificate of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church is required in order for the Board of Directors to give the correct priority to an application.

Failure to provide evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception in the Church may affect the oversubscription criterion that the child's name is placed in.

Please note that as well as completing this Supplementary Information Form, **parents must also complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form** in order for the application to be complete. This Supplementary Information Form is only for school use and is, in conjunction with the Local Authority's Common Application Form, to enable the Board of Directors to rank applicants using the published oversubscription criteria:

This Supplementary Information Form must be returned directly to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School at Curbridge Road, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 5JZ by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Please note that this is NOT the local authority's Common Application Form. As well as completing this Supplementary Information Form and returning it directly to the school, you MUST also complete the local authority's Common Application Form otherwise your application will be deemed incomplete and therefore invalid.**

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018, we wish to ensure that you are aware of the purpose for which we collect and process the data we have asked for on this form.

1. We are Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School at Curbridge Road, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 5JZ
2. Being a Catholic education provider, we work closely with the School's Diocesan Authority, the School's Trustees, the Local Authority, the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service and the Department for Education and may share the information you provide on this application form if we consider it necessary in order to fulfil our functions.
3. The person responsible for data protection within our school is Integra and you can contact them with questions relating to our handling of the data. You can contact them by emailing [GDPR@integra.co.uk](mailto:GDPR@integra.co.uk).
4. We require the information we have requested for reasons relating to our functions as the admission authority of the school.
5. It is necessary for us to process personal data for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR).
6. To the extent that you have shared any special categories of data this will not be shared with any third parties except as detailed in paragraph 2 above, unless a legal obligation should arise.
7. It is necessary for us to process special category data for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR). Additionally processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest on the basis of Union or Member State law which is proportionate to the aim pursued and which contains appropriate safeguards (Article 9(2)(g) of the GDPR).
8. If the application is successful, the information you have provided on this will be migrated to the school's enrolment system, and the data will be retained and processed on the basis of the school's fair processing notice and data protection policies which apply to that data.
9. If the application is unsuccessful, the application form and any documents submitted in support of the application will be destroyed after a period of 12 months. The school may keep a simple record of all applications and their outcome as part of their permanent archives in accordance with the school's data retention policy.
10. To read about your individual rights you can refer to the school's fair processing notice and data protection policies.
11. If you wish to complain about how we have collected and processed the information you have provided on this form, you can make a complaint to our organisation by using the complaints procedure which can be found on the school website, [www.ololwit.org.uk](http://www.ololwit.org.uk). If you are unhappy with how your complaint has been handled, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office via their website at [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk)

**I confirm that I have read the Admissions Policy of the school and that the information I have provided is correct. I understand that I must notify the school immediately if there is any change to these details and that, should any information I have given prove to be inaccurate, the Board of Directors may withdraw any offer of a place even if the child has already started school.**

Signed ..... Date.....

Print Name .....



# Curriculum

## Religious Education



At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, FAITH is at the core of everything we do. There is a strong Catholic ethos within the school, which is to be found not just within R.E. lessons but throughout all the activities which take place.

Through our faith in God we are guided to:

Follow Jesus on the path of spiritual awareness and moral responsibility

Allow everyone's successes to be celebrated and rewarded

Involve our whole school and parish community to ensure we are safe and nurtured

Teach others by setting a good example based on the Gospel Values and Virtues

Have high expectations and ambitions that challenge us to be a worthwhile member of the global family

As a community of Faith, whole school and class Masses are celebrated regularly. There are also special liturgies for the Key Stage 1 children.

Children in Year 3 can opt to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist working alongside the Parish of St Hugh. A Reconciliation Service is normally held for the Key Stage 2 children during Advent and Lent. The children also attend additional sacramental preparation sessions at the Parish of St Hugh to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Year 6. Parents who send their child to a Catholic school would wish their child to be fully involved in the life of the school, taking part in all the educational opportunities provided, including Religious Education and Collective Worship. We strongly encourage all families to participate in weekend Mass at one of our parishes.

## The National Curriculum

Children's year in Reception class marks the last year of the Early Years Foundation Stage in education, a stage for children from the age of three. 'Areas of learning and development' consists of **three prime areas** and **four specific areas**. The prime areas cover the knowledge and skills which are the foundations for children's school readiness and future progress, and which are applied and reinforced by the specific areas.



### How will my child be learning?

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first.

These are:

- Communication and language;
- Physical development; and
- Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world; and
- Expressive arts and design.

These 7 areas are used to plan your child’s learning and activities. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the activities are suited to your child’s unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary and secondary schools, but it's suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside in our wonderful setting.

All classes follow the new National Curriculum guidelines. The guiding principle throughout is that each child is entitled to a broad, balanced education which is appropriate to his/her needs regardless of ethnicity, gender or ability. The National Curriculum comprises:

**Core subjects**

Religious Education  
 Mathematics  
 English  
 Science

**Other Foundation subjects**

Art & Design\*  
 Physical Education  
 Geography\*  
 Design and Technology\*  
 History\*  
 Music\*  
 French  
 Computing\*

\* These subjects are mostly taught in a creative cross-curricular way.

In the Reception Class, a basic sight vocabulary and phonic knowledge is established using the Read Write Inc. scheme. Each day the children experience new phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs which they are taught to use in their reading and writing. Weekly guided reading sessions use phonic books, which support the teaching of discrete phonics. These are followed by the Read Write Inc. ‘Book Bag Books’ which form the core of the reading material and whose levels are used to classify other supplementary books. Children are encouraged to develop a love of books and there is a well-stocked Library.



Strong emphasis is placed on developing skills in English. Read, Write, Inc. ensures a cohesive approach to the teaching of reading, writing, incorporating spelling and handwriting. The Talk4Write approach also enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. Mathematics is taught mainly as a discrete subject with core skills developed in other areas of the curriculum. A practical approach is encouraged and there is a wide variety of resources.

Other Foundation National curriculum subjects are mostly taught through the 'Cornerstones' thematic based approach. Each topic promotes excellence and enjoyment of learning experiences and includes structured skills based teaching and learning.

Information and Communication Technology is used to enhance teaching and learning. There are a range of extracurricular clubs, including sport and choir.

## Physical Education



P.E. is part of the National Curriculum and compulsory for all pupils. KS2 pupils currently access swimming lessons at Windrush Leisure Centre. The school values the contributions that these areas make to children's all-round development through non-competitive and competitive participation. Pupils also access a variety of sport delivered by specialist teachers and coaches on a weekly basis. Children will normally only be excused from physical education for a genuine medical reason. We are fortunate to have over 3 acres of land and this is used for a variety of activities. The Annual Sports' Day is held onsite during the summer term.

## Relationships and Sex Education

At the heart of our aims is our Mission Statement. As a Catholic school we believe that all teaching should have as its overriding aim, the moral, spiritual and social development of each individual, in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church.

We recognise that the prime responsibility for relationships and sex education must rest with the parents and we believe that any teaching should not be in isolation but rather be complementary and supportive to the role of parents. The school follows the Diocesan guidelines for relationships and sex education, 'All That I Am'. This booklet is based on the Catholic Church's teaching about life, love and family. Linked with the Diocesan Guidelines are the relevant National Curriculum Science strands.

Relationship and Sex Education in England changed from January 2021. Our Lady of Lourdes has implemented a new scheme of work called 'Life to the Full' in line with new Diocesan guidelines. For more information please visit the following:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

## Special Educational Needs/ Inclusion

The school works within the framework of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and the Disability Rights Code of Practice.

The School's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator is Mrs Kilby-Salt and she can be contacted on [inclusion@ololwit.org.uk](mailto:inclusion@ololwit.org.uk).

Children are identified as having special educational needs from the end of their time in Reception class (or earlier if appropriate) and this is discussed with parents during the summer term. Subsequently, the level of need is assessed using the New Code of Practice. Each child's needs are met by the class teacher with support from the Inclusion Leader and external agencies, as appropriate. Parental involvement is very important at all stages and this is strengthened by the Code. Children's progress is monitored, reviewed and recorded regularly and as a result, teaching is adapted as appropriate. Every effort is made to meet the needs of children with a wide range of abilities and disabilities with or without statements.

Admission to the school is strictly in accordance with the Academy Committee's Admissions Criteria. In keeping with our inclusive ethos and Equal Opportunities Policy, all children regardless of ability participate in a broad, balanced appropriately differentiated curriculum, as is their entitlement. The school has continued

to monitor provision for children with specific needs and where necessary and where possible, modifications have been made. The school has an accessible toilet.

## **Educational Visits**

When appropriate, external agencies are brought in to supplement and enrich what is offered in school. Visits are made to museums, school farms, and other places of interest and educational worth. These visits, organised by the school, can only proceed where they have parental support in terms of voluntary contributions to cover the cost involved. Parents are kept well informed, in advance, and are given all the relevant information and details about any proposed visit. Therefore, all parents are expected to contribute towards the visit unless there is financial hardship. The Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes currently contribute towards some class excursions, enabling visits to be more affordable for parents. The school follows the guidelines set out in the school's policy for Educational visits.

## **Homework**

It is our view that school based work is only one facet of the education of your child. Each child's educational development can be enhanced if they are encouraged to take up personal interests.

Joining clubs and learning new sports will help to broaden your child's experience. Children should also be encouraged to use the local library on a regular basis and to visit museums and places of interest. However, homework is also an important part of your child's education. Children make better progress if the work that is done in school is supported at home. Therefore, all children are expected to work at home. Homework is not normally set during school holidays but children are encouraged to read widely and parents are asked to make the most of family holiday activities to enhance their children's learning. The best possible support that parents can give is to set time aside so that work can be done in a quiet relaxed atmosphere free from distractions. This helps children to produce work of the same high standard in terms of quality and presentation, as that produced at school. It is vital that parents read with their children throughout their Primary school years and listen to them read every evening. All children should take a 'Reading Scheme' book or library book home every night.

Suggestions, as to how parents can help, are sent home in a termly newsletter. These suggestions are supported by the Homework Policy.



## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care of children is exercised by all the teaching staff and is based on Christian values. Throughout the school, great emphasis is placed on the fact that each child should be encouraged and given every opportunity to learn and develop a genuine sense of responsibility and self-discipline. Respect for oneself as well as for others is a very integral part of this approach and parental support is seen as being crucial to the success of our efforts. Children are praised and encouraged verbally or in writing for all good work, effort, honesty, helpfulness, success, and other good qualities. A system of rewards is used to reinforce good patterns of behaviour and good work. EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2 children who do something commendable either in work or socially are given a special Principal's Award.

Key Stage 1 and 2 children belong to 'Teams' and they can gain Faith Points for their Team by completing work or deeds which are praiseworthy. Faith points for each week are announced in Congratulations Assembly. At the end of each half term a certificate is presented to each child in the winning team. There are times when children may need some form of correction to deter antisocial or inappropriate behaviour. Children will normally receive a warning before being disciplined and the school has a range of sanctions which are outlined in the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy. We believe our school to be a caring, Catholic community where

there is respect, courtesy and concern for others regardless of ethnicity, gender and ability/disability. Our behaviour policies are available on the school website or on request.

## **Safeguarding**

Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies. The procedures we follow have been set by Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board. If you want to know more about this procedure, please speak to the Principal. Further information and a copy of our Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy are also available on the school website.

## **Procedures for dealing with concerns**

Any concerns that may arise regarding any aspect of school life, should in the first instance, be addressed to the class teacher. If the matter is not resolved it should then be taken up with the Principal or Vice Principal. If parents are still not satisfied, complaints may be made in writing to the Chair of the Academy Committee c/o the school address. Parents who want to make a formal complaint must follow the school's complaints procedure (a copy of which is available on the school's website).

## **Home School Liaison**

At present we provide three parent consultation opportunities a year. The first takes place in the Autumn Term. This is essentially an introductory meeting when parents can meet their child's class teacher and discuss informally how well their child has settled down to work and whether there is anything that the class teacher should know about. The second consultation, during the Spring Term, provides parents with the opportunity to see their child's work and also to discuss progress in detail with the class teacher. Written reports are sent out towards the end of the summer term.

Meetings are held on aspects of the curriculum and assessment as needed. Parents are always welcome to contact the Principal or class teacher at other times to discuss any queries, though it is recommended, that for matters which are not urgent, an appointment should be made in order to ensure that the person concerned is available. An Open Day is also held during the Autumn Term and all parents are invited to visit the school while the pupils are all working in class.



## Home School Link Worker

Our Home School Link Worker is Mrs Olivia Hawkins. Her role is to support the children, as well as parents/carers of the children, across the whole school.

## Parking

We ask that parents who bring their children to school by car **should never** use the car park to the school front entrance, as this is an access point for emergency services, delivery vans and staff working on the premises.

**Parents are asked to park on the surrounding roads to school with care and consideration for children, other parents and local residents.**

## Attendance/Absence

Excellent attendance and punctuality are expected. It is essential that you contact the school before 8.30am on each day that your child is absent. The school operates a 'First-Day-Calling-System' to ensure that parents/carers and school coordinate any absences. A member of our office staff will call you if your child is absent and we do not know the reason.

To help with the smooth running of the system, please ensure you follow the school's procedure:

- Inform the school if your child is going to be absent from school by phone call, email or letter;
- Provide a doctor's certificate if the illness is prolonged and/or the school requests a copy;
- Advise the school if your child is going to be late for any reason.

If a child is ill during the school day, he/she will be cared for by a member of staff. A decision will be made as to whether to contact parents/carers for early collection.

Please inform the school if your child contracts an infectious disease such as chicken pox, mumps, or German measles (rubella), which can have serious implications for other children and staff.

Guidance from NHS UK: **Vomiting and diarrhoea**. Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting must be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, however if symptoms persist consult your GP.

**Family holidays should always be taken during the school holidays. Holidays during term time are unauthorised and may lead to further action being taken by Oxfordshire County Council. Experience shows that children who miss the start of the new school year, find it difficult to settle and in May there are statutory and non-statutory assessments of children. **Holidays in term time are bound to have a detrimental effect on your child's progress.****

Where possible, routine medical treatment should be arranged outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, evidence of the medical appointments will be required. This also applies if it is necessary for a child to be collected during the school day, for any other reason.

Every day a child misses school, a total of five hours of learning is lost and whilst we understand that illness can't always be avoided, just a few days of absence can have a huge impact on a child's attendance figure and their education as a whole.

We use the 'attendance diamond' as a way of assessing where children are in terms of their attendance and the possible impact this may have on their achievement.

- Green 97-100% No risk
- Yellow 95-96.9% Slight Risk of underachievement
- Amber 93-94.9% Some risk of underachievement
- Pink 90-92.9% Serious risk of underachievement
- Red Below 90% Severe risk of underachievement



## Contact Forms

It is essential that the school is able to contact a parent, relative or friend in an emergency. For that reason, we require all parents to complete, and keep up to date, an emergency contact form giving an address and telephone number.

## Accidents/Illness

The Class Teacher will normally inform an appropriate adult at home-time of any minor illness or accident which has occurred during the day or a school note will be sent home explaining the incident. If it is thought

necessary, the parent is contacted to collect the child. **PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL WHEN UNWELL.** In the event of a serious accident, every effort will be made to contact parents. If this is not possible the child will be taken to hospital for treatment and the parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

## Medicines



Only preventive medicine can be accepted into school e.g. asthma inhalers. Any requests for the use of other **prescribed** medicines should be made in writing or in person to the Principal. If a child does require a prescribed medicine to be administered during school time, a responsible adult may come to school to administer the dose or a parent can make a written request for the school to do this by completing a school form. The container must be clearly labelled with the contents, child's name and the required dosage. Medicine must not be brought to school by a child, it must be handed in by an adult to the school office. Parents are responsible for replenishing their child's supply of medicine, to keep 'spacers' clean and to ensure that medicines are not out of date. Staff cannot administer medicines that are not prescribed by a doctor.

## Communication to Parents

Letters	Letters are normally sent home by email, although some are sent by 'pupil post'.  Copies of letters are available to view on the school website, or a paper copy can be collected from the school office. <b>Please note, to comply with our safeguarding policy, we do not publish trip and visit letters on our website.</b>
Text Message	Messages and reminders maybe sent by text message. Please inform the school if you change your mobile number.
Emails	Letters, messages and reminders are sent by email. Please inform the school if you change your email address.
Newsletter	The Newsletter is produced monthly and a copy is sent by email as well as being available to view on the school website.
Reading Record	This keeps parents/carers informed of reading progress and also enables two-way communication between home and school.
Curriculum Topics	These are sent via email each half-term to parents and are published on the school's website and show the outline for learning.
Website	The school website holds a host of information. The website address is <a href="http://www.ololwit.org.uk">www.ololwit.org.uk</a> .

Parents/carers can write to the school at [office@ololwit.org.uk](mailto:office@ololwit.org.uk) . Correspondence will then be forwarded to the staff member concerned.

## Emergency Communication



Emergency messages, for example during bad weather, will be posted on our school website, on our social media pages and text messages and/or email communications will be sent out.

We will also inform Oxfordshire County Council to update their website.

## The School Day

8.40am	Classroom doors open for morning starter activities
8.50am	Registration
10.30am	Break time (Reception and KS1)
10.45am	Break time (KS2)
12.00pm	Lunch time
1.00pm	Lessons begin
3.20pm	End of school

The morning session begins at 8.50 am. Please ensure that your child is brought to school punctually as it can be upsetting for a child to be late, as well as being disruptive to teaching and learning. The children are invited to enter the building from 8.40 am when the gates and doors open, but parents should be aware that the school cannot be responsible for pupils on the premises before this time. Pupils are allowed entry into the school from 8.40 a.m. onwards. School closes at 3.10 pm. Children should be met by a known adult. Please inform the school in writing if a different person is collecting your child. If there is an unavoidable delay in collecting a child, please telephone the school. For safety reasons, the side entrance gates to the school are normally locked between 8.50 am to 3.00 pm.

## School Dinners

The school has a kitchen on site and we outsource our catering to a company called Aspens. Further information on the company can be found on their website, <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk/>. A choice of a meat or vegetarian option, tomato pasta or jacket potato is available every day, with menus for the autumn, spring and summer terms.

Children in Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 are eligible for free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme. Parents still need to order meals for their children, albeit that they will not be asked to pay for these.

If you do not want your child to have a hot meal at lunch time and/or if you do not think they will eat what is on offer, please provide a healthy lunch box which should be brought into school at the start of the day. The School will provide a hot meal to your child if they do not bring a lunch box into school with them.

In line with Department of Education guidelines on healthy eating, we ask that parents avoid drinks with added sugar, crisps, chocolate or sweets.

## Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

The school takes part in the 'National Fruit and Vegetable Scheme', which enables each child in Year R to the end of Year 2 to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable for snack time each day.

Years 3 to 6 may bring in a piece of fruit each day for their snack.



## Free Milk Scheme

The school takes part in the free school milk scheme, 'Cool Milk'. Milk is available free of charge to all children up to the age of 5.

After a child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, milk is still available at a small cost. Information leaflets are available in this pack with details of the ordering procedure.

## Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes School raise money to help fund school activities and projects, as well as purchasing items which make the children's learning environment more fun and attractive. As an added bonus The Friends events give everyone the chance to have a great time while raising money!

### **The Friends Committee**

The Friends Committee meets once a term to plan upcoming events and come up with ideas for new events. We are always looking for new members with fresh fundraising ideas. The Friends work with teachers, pupils and parents to decide what to purchase with the money raised.

Here are some examples of fundraising events The Friends have run in the past:

- Family Disco
- Bags2School Collections
- Film nights
- Bingo
- Summer, Christmas and Easter fetes
- Tuck shop

### **How we spend the money we raise?**

The money raised is used to fund 'extras' for the children and also to pay for items that will enhance our children's education.

In the past, we've funded:

- iPads and educational apps
- Interactive Whiteboards
- The Christmas pantomime
- Crackers for all the children for Christmas dinner
- Team prizes for end of term
- Literacy and Maths activity days
- Extras for Creative Arts and Science Weeks
- Teachers' Requests

### **How can you get involved?**

We would like to invite all parents to become involved and support us in some way. We are always looking for help so if you could offer The Friends some of your time, however small, we would like to hear from you! And of course come along to our events!

### **Here are some examples of how you could help:**

- Attend committee meetings
- Sell tickets for events
- Help set up events
- Attend events to manage stalls

### How to get in touch

Email us at [ololfriends@gmail.com](mailto:ololfriends@gmail.com)

Join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ololfriends/>

Like our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Friends-of-Our-Lady-of-Lourdes-School-Witney/159033017474577>

Look out for our next meeting date in the School newsletter.

## School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is expected as it helps the child to identify more closely with the 'school family' and generally assists in promoting the public image of the school. Smart appearance is encouraged including acceptable haircuts and accessories. Uniform will also be worn on occasions when children are representing the school, including during off-site visits.

Parents and carers are asked to co-operate fully by providing the uniform and ensuring children wear it correctly at all times. Some items are only obtainable from the school's supplier, My Clothing.

Please ensure that all articles of clothing and other items brought into school are marked clearly with your child's name. The items listed below with \*\* are only available from My Clothing ([www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)). All other items can be obtained from any high street store.



<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charcoal grey trousers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charcoal grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers or shorts</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White long or short sleeved shirt or polo shirt</li> <li>• Blue jumper with logo **</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes (Velcro for FS children)</li> <li>• Named water bottle</li> </ul> <p>From Easter until October half term (summer months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above and/or</li> <li>• shorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White long or short sleeved shirt or polo shirt</li> <li>• Blue jumper or cardigan with logo **</li> <li>• Grey or white socks or grey tights</li> <li>• Black shoes (Velcro for FS children)</li> <li>• Named water bottle</li> </ul> <p>From Easter until October half term (summer months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above and/or</li> <li>• Light blue checked summer dress</li> <li>• Grey or white socks</li> </ul>
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<b>PE Kits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team coloured t-shirt</li> <li>• Plain royal blue shorts</li> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• Plain blue jumper</li> <li>• Plain blue jogging bottoms</li>   <li>• All PE kit should be named and brought into school in a named PE bag.</li> </ul>

Full school PE kit must be worn for PE and after school sports clubs.



### Outerwear

In winter, children need a warm waterproof school coat.

In summer an anorak, cagoule or similar should be brought to school when the weather is unsettled.

### Book Bags

Book Bags with the Our Lady of Lourdes school logo are available from My Clothing and should be used by children in Reception to Year 2. Children in Year 3 onwards may bring their own rucksacks. Please label all bags with your child's name.



## Hair and Jewellery

Long hair should be tied back for hygiene reasons and especially during P.E., for safety reasons. Hair accessories should be simple and follow school colours. 'Fashion' haircuts (e.g. tramlines / patterns) are not appropriate for school for boys or girls. Boys' hair should be cut no shorter than a number 2. Children are asked not to wear jewellery for safety reasons. If pupils have pierced ears, one small plain discrete stud may be worn in each ear lobe. For health and safety reasons pupils will be expected to remove studs for PE/swimming. No other body piercing of any kind will be acceptable.

Children are responsible for their own possessions in school and for this reason are asked not to bring toys or valuables as their loss or breakage can cause distress.

## Before and After School Club

Before and After School Club is open to all children attending Our Lady of Lourdes School. The club operates on school premises in a safe environment led by Mrs Foxley, Mrs Hopgood, Ms Davis and Mrs Cousins whose purpose is to make sure the children have the very best wraparound care.

The Breakfast Club provides a variety of free and structured play with a broad range of activities and freedom for children to choose their own activities. The Club runs each morning from 7.30am and costs £3.50 per session (or £5.00 if no advance booking is made for that day). Parents can provide a healthy snack for their children but toast is also provided as part of the charge. Children are taken to their classrooms, ready to start school at 8.40am.

Our After School provision starts from 3.10pm. Children are collected from their classrooms and taken to the 'BASC' where they can engage in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, puzzles, reading, construction toys, board games, books and ICT facilities. Children are given opportunities to do homework too, if requested in advance. Outdoor play is available every evening dependent on weather conditions. Children will be encouraged to take part in all activities, indoors and outdoors but are free to choose.

Session 1: **3.10 – 4.30pm** £5.00

Session 1 and 2: **3.10 – 5.45pm** £10.00

Children will be given a snack at 4.10pm (for example) sandwiches, hot dogs or jacket potatoes.

Please contact Mrs Foxley, either by email, [basc@ololwit.org.uk](mailto:basc@ololwit.org.uk) ,  
or phone the school office 01993 702480.



## Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium Grant funding is allocated to schools by the Department of Education to increase social mobility and reduce the gap in performance between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers. Where applicable, its purpose is to raise attainment, accelerate progress and fulfil the achievement potential of all children. Schools receive funding for each eligible child and can use the funding flexibly. It is up to the school to decide how to spend the Pupil Premium Grant funding because staff are best placed to assess what additional education provision should be put in place to ensure maximum progress for all children in their care.

## Pupil Premium at Our Lady of Lourdes

Pupil Premium Grant funding at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School accelerates the progress of eligible children through the planning and delivery of a range of enhanced and personalised learning interventions and experiences such as:

- Additional education support
- Interventions
- 1:1 and small-group support
- Personal, social and emotional support.

We review regularly our Pupil Premium Grant initiatives to ensure they are having a positive impact. Each year we plan priorities for this year's expenditure based on the cohort of eligible children.



## Accessing the Pupil Premium at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

- Children who are looked after by a local authority are eligible for Pupil Premium Grant funding.
- Children who have a parent/parents in the Services are eligible for Service Pupil Premium Grant funding.

**If you think your child qualifies under either of the above-mentioned two categories, please contact Mrs Fletcher in the School Office as we are keen that everyone eligible benefits from this additional funding.**

- From April 2014, children adopted from care are also entitled to Pupil Premium Grant funding.

If your child has been adopted from care, please notify Mr O'Connor (Principal), in confidence by email:- [office@ololwit.org.uk](mailto:office@ololwit.org.uk) (as soon as possible). We will need supporting evidence such as an adoption order.

**In order to qualify for Pupil Premium Grant funding with the additional entitlement to free school meals, free milk and free trips and visits, you will need to meet one of the following criteria or be in receipt of one of the following benefits. This will need to be verified by Oxfordshire County Council.**

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)

If you are currently receiving any of the above-mentioned, please complete a Pupil Premium Grant application form available from the School Office. All information will be kept confidential.

In 2023/2024 Pupil Premium Grant funding will continue to be used to support educational achievement. The school must publish how this funding is used each year - please note that we do not mention children's names in this report. Please look on our website for last year's report.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information

**All details are accurate at the time of printing, however, some changes may be necessary and parents will be informed of any such changes.**

