



My name is Mrs Parker and I am the Acting Headteacher of St Chad's. We realise what an important decision it is in deciding what school to send your child to. We would normally be very proud to welcome you in to school to have a look around and meet our staff. Our school has a lovely family and children who achieve above expectations. Attendance is excellent and is above the national average. All of these things are down to the hard work and commitment of our staff and the partnerships we have built with our families.

As you are currently unable to come into school, we have put this short tour together to introduce you to some of our staff, the Reception team and some of the facilities in our school.



The Office

Mrs Adhanom, Mrs Sullivan and Miss Robinson

School would cease to function without these wonderful ladies. They will be your first port of call when you arrive into St Chad's where you will always be greeted with a warm smile. They go above and beyond to help our parents with anything that they may need help with. Mrs Adhanom speaks Tigrinya and Amharic and will happily help any parents, who need help with any translating. We are a cash free school and use Parentpay. This is a system which allows you to pay weekly for any school meals, trips and any purchases. Children in Reception/EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and, Y1 and Y2 all receive free school dinners. In all other years, dinners will need to be paid for fully, in advance, unless eligible for free school meals (FSM).



Mrs Wheatley

Mrs Wheatley is our Inclusion Manager. She will provide considered support and help to our children and families. Mrs Wheatley is the main contact for any children who have additional needs. She is approachable and is always on hand if and when she is needed.



Mrs Azadeh

Mrs Azadeh is our Family Support Worker and Safeguarding Lead. She has worked at St Chad's for many years and has a great knowledge and understanding of the local community. She is always available to listen and support when it is needed. Mrs Azadeh is on the gate most mornings and will happily speak to anyone who needs some advice or help.



Mr Benjamin

Mr Benjamin is our Pastoral Manager. He works closely with Mrs Azadeh and will support children who are maybe experiencing some emotional or behavioural needs. He is very calm but firm and always looks for extra ways to support the teachers and the children. You will often find Mr Benjamin outside, during his break times, organising activities for the children.



Miss Ryan

Miss Ryan is our Acting Deputy Headteacher, safeguarding Lead and our EYFS/Reception Lead. She has lots of experience of teaching Early Years. She is also an experienced SEND (Special Educational Needs) practitioner, which means she is well placed to support any families who need additional support when they start in Reception.



Miss Green

EYFS Teaching Assistant

Miss Green has many years of EYFS experience and is Pediatric first aid trained



Mrs Minchin

EYFS Teaching Assistant

Mrs Minchin made the big jump from Y6 to EYFS this year and became the final member of the EYFS Team. She is trained in First Aid.

Our EYFS outside area



The Outside Area of the Reception/EYFS Classroom



Reception Classroom



Y1 Classroom



RE

We are a Catholic school and our faith runs throughout everything that we do. We have a well planned and sequenced curriculum where our Gospel values and the teachings of the Church guide us in all that we do. We teach our children the importance of doing as Pope Francis said 'it is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words but with our actions.' Our OFSTED report highlighted the pastoral work we do with our families as a real strength. Something we were all very proud of. Our last RE Inspection showed us to be a 'Good school'.



Catholic Life of the School

The Catholic life of the school is rich in opportunities for children to encounter God and to deepen their relationship with Him as a loving, compassionate Father. Christ is at the centre of all that we do. The Gospel values are integrated into every aspect of learning, teaching and the entirety of school life.



Prayer and worship

Prayer and worship are central to the daily life of our school. We aim to provide opportunities for children's spiritual growth and development through participation in a variety of forms of worship and through experiencing all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, private, shared, petitionary and meditative.

Pupils are actively involved in planning and leading worship, both in class groups and whole school settings. Shared acts of worship take place in an atmosphere of reflection and stillness.

Each class has a prayer area, which is a focus during prayer times. The prayer areas continually change depending on what part of the Liturgical calendar we are in.



Mass

We are very lucky to be the Cathedral School of the Birmingham Archdiocese. The children will attend the cathedral for important masses and will also receive their sacraments there. We have mass in the school hall, weekly, on a Thursday morning at 9:15am. All parents and families are usually welcome to join us for mass. We are very lucky to have two priests who visit the school regularly to visit the children – Mgr. Timothy Menezes and Fr Thomas.

Due to the current restriction, we are all watching mass live from the Cathedral. We can't wait to once again celebrate mass as a school community and be able to sing together once again. We have a fantastic choir, which is run by Mrs Ashford, the Year 2 teacher and RE Lead.



Mgr. Timothy Menezes



Fr Tomaz

Breakfast Club

We run a FREE breakfast club, thanks to Magic Breakfast, every morning from 7:55am -8:25am. The children have a choice of bagels, cereal, juice or a hot drink in the winter. There are also activities and plenty of time for the children to socialise. As we cannot run the club at his moment in time, due to the large numbers who attend, every child is offered breakfast upon arrival into school, in their own classrooms – bagels and milk.

School Meals

Healthy balanced meals of good quality are cooked and served on the school premises, incorporating a range of healthy options such as a salad bar. We also have themed lunches such as American theme, Italian, school picnics in the summer and always a favourite our Caribbean lunch.



Mr Graham
Kitchen Staff



Miss Harrison
Kitchen Staff



Mrs Golton
Kitchen Staff

Library



Reading is very important at St Chad's. We have a fantastic selection of books in our library which all children have access to. We were very lucky to have a complete refurbishment of the library a few years ago.

Sport and After School Activities



Miss Dartnell

Miss Dartnell is our very enthusiastic and experienced PE teacher. Her lessons are fun and engaging. The children really enjoy her lessons. Miss Dartnell puts on a variety of after school activities which are all free. Such as: netball, football, gymnastics, table tennis and many more.

Ks2 Playground



We have a lot of space at the back of our school. We have room for a tyre park and we have a football pitch sized playing field. The children use the pitch in their PE lessons and in the summer, for lunchtimes, where EYFS, KS1 and KS2 all play together.



Our Y6 pupils created a tour of the school last year which is on our You Tube channel. Please be aware our Reception class has changed since filming and the outside area now has astro turf so that it can be accessed in all weathers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fE04-o1ZgNY>

We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Contact the school on 0121-464-6554 where our wonderful office staff will be happy to help.