



Saint Patrick's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



You will never have this day again with your children, tomorrow they will be older, the days you have with your Children are a gift. Relish and cherish the charms of their presence each and every day! The greatest gift one person can give their children is love.



Welcome

Welcome to Saint Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Our statement of belief is that in our community you can find out who we are and what we believe.

Children are at the heart of the curriculum, their interests, faith, beliefs and personality, for they are both learners and teachers.

Parents play an integral role in children's learning. The importance of the relationship with children, teachers, governors, parents and parishioners is invaluable.

We look forward to enriching the collaboration and partnership with parents so enthusiasm, support and skills can be harnessed for the benefit of all.

The Headteacher, staff and governors



“Saint Patrick’s is a wonderful school where children enjoy learning.”

School Pupil

Learning is rich and exciting



In Saint Patrick's we share a love for knowledge and learning. We have developed a curriculum that embeds the progression of skills throughout school. Teachers explore strategies that identify individual learners so all children thrive and are excited about learning.

The school has invested in resources that add breadth to the curriculum and support children's learning journey. The library is continually updated with new literature and parent and child utilise it regularly for home reading books. We have a Technology suite where whole classes are taught; 30 ipads for research in lessons and a variety of small toys that encourage computer programming.

All classes experience trips/visits/visitors as we encourage first hand experiences to enhance the writing, art, language and communication skills. Y6 attend an annual residential trip which presents challenging and inspiring outcomes.

Tasks are challenging and pupils take responsibility for their learning.

OFSTED

"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural together harmoniously."

OFSTED



“Good learning is when I explore, discover and practice!” School Pupil

Learning through experience

The curriculum develops, lively, enthusiastic and enquiring minds and opens the door to awe and wonder.

Section 48 RE Inspection

Pastoral care is outstanding!

Our creative curriculum has evolved over a number of years through a teaching team pursuing learning through investigation, enquiry, questioning, collaboration and research.

The children own the curriculum and on many occasions lead the learning. Exploring the world outside the classroom enables an understanding and successful outcomes.

Children attend many before and after school clubs such as breakfast club, music, football, cricket, Greedy readers, Let's get cooking, art, sewing and gardening. Children are also part of the Fellowship club at the university which encourages life-long learning in children.

“Learning is fascinating and we all learn differently.”

School Pupil



A community of culture and diversity



We are so fortunate in Saint Patrick's to be immersed in a rich cultural community. Every individual can celebrate their unique qualities and diversity. Parents are encouraged to participate in school life where possible.

The celebration of culture month provides opportunity for parent and children to wear their national dress and cook meals from the country of origin. The children are presented with positive role models.

The schools inclusive approach provides children with emotional, social and behavioural support which enables full participation in school life.

“Saint Patrick's is a good and improving Catholic school. It is clearly committed to developing the whole child and this is reflected in pupils enjoyment, behaviour and attitudes. They are considerate, polite and sensitive to other cultural and social background.”

SECTION 48

“Those who love with all their being... are flying with lightness, free of influences and pressures.”

Pope Francis





**“I am loved in
Saint Patrick’s and
everyone cares for
each other.”**

Saint Patrick’s School Pupil



A community of mutual respect

The learning environment is well resourced and organised. The children are stimulated and motivated.

Our school provides an excellent learning environment. There are displays for varying purposes where children can explore with their senses. The school grounds promote a love for the environment where the allotment encourages planting and care of the plots. The gardening club engages parent and child to develop responsibility. The children care for the chicken’s and organise the collection of eggs. The children visit local homes for the elderly at Christmas and sing carols. Outreach work also links local charities and churches.

**“The academy uses the
Catholic faith as the
foundation for its work.”**

OFSTED

Learning through care

Children are able to learn in a safe, healthy and secure environment where every individual is respected and valued.

Our school is a warm, welcoming and all encompassing in nature. Children feel safe and happy and nurture groups led by the learning mentor. The school council and the fair trade council ensure that the children's voice is heard and acted upon.

At playtimes there are playground leaders and playground buddies who encourage play through games and team work. This enables children to play happily together.

"I am proud to play to represent my school at football."

Saint Patrick's School Pupil

"Pupils actively engage in Religious Education lessons and report that they enjoy these lessons. This is demonstrated by positive attitudes and an enthusiasm for learning." OFSTED



Learning through sport

Physical Education is an integral part of the curriculum for every child at St Patricks, this includes swimming at KS2. We participate in team and individual sports outside of curriculum P.E. We run a range of clubs after school and with the partnership we have with LINKS (an organisation involved with Sports development and inter-schools competitions) we participate in:

Badminton, Athletics (indoor and outdoor), Cricket, Football, Rounders, Cycling, Swimming, Judo, Dance, Frisbee

These sporting clubs compete in matches and tournaments against other local or regional teams.

We have an annual sports day for KS1 and one for KS2 children, in the summer term.

Our children are enthusiastic and motivated about Sport and P.E.



Learning through interest

Hobbies and interests don't just emerge they are nurtured. Saint Patrick's organises activities for sport, football, cricket athletics, cooking, chess, drumming club, singing, writing.

"Active learning is learning which engages and challenges children's thinking using real-life and imaginary solutions". A curriculum for excellence in Saint Patrick's there are new ideas and active involvement and fun, fun, fun!





“From the time that they join the Nursery, pupils are encouraged to treat everybody equally and to celebrate their differences.” OFSTED

Vision Statement

The academy desire all children to become confident, aspirational, remarkable, secure, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of teaching and learning.

The school is multi-cultural, inclusive, outward looking and embraces life’s experiences and creates an openness of understanding, encouragement, tolerance, equality and high expectation. Lifelong learning is a partnership where personal growth and human wholeness will enable all members to travel the path of mutual respect and integrity that is all encompassing.

We recognise the extraordinary revelation of God’s spirit in the ordinary every day experiences.

Mission Statement

Together we Aspire
Together we Dream
Together we Succeed

“Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility.”

Quote

“Lessons are fun!”

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