



# A Parents' Guide to Reception

"At St. Catharine's our aim is for all children to achieve their full potential and be the best they possibly can... Our bespoke curriculum is exciting, motivating and challenging, giving children enjoyable experiences through trips, visitors and high quality teaching and learning."

Mrs Pittendreigh  
Headteacher

## Important Information

### Our School Day

Our school day begins at **8:50am** and finishes at **3:00pm**, you will wait on the Infant Playground until Miss Brown welcomes you at the Reception Classroom door.

### Absence

Please notify the school by phone if your child is absent.  
Parents are asked to avoid booking family holidays in term time.

## Uniform

*\*Please ensure name labels are in ALL of items of uniform and PE kits\**

Our **school uniform** consists of:

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan with the St. Catharine's logo,
- White polo neck t-shirt, logo is optional,
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, grey shorts and blue checked dresses in the Summer months,
- Grey or white socks,
- Easy to fasten shoes, we ask that shoes are **Velcro**, no laces or buckles.

Our **P.E kit** consists of:

- Royal blue t-shirt with St. Catharine's logo,
- Navy blue P.E shorts,
- Black Velcro pumps

Our **school accessories** are:

- A royal blue Velcro reading book bag with St. Catharine's logo,
- A royal blue drawstring PE Bag with St. Catharine's logo.,
- A blue lid St. Catharine's water bottle.

## Our Curriculum

Reception continue to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children's learning continues to be very individual and every child is encouraged to develop and reach their full potential. Great emphasis is placed on the outdoors and children will use the wonderful outdoor areas here at school to enhance their learning. We welcome our parents and carers to join our 'Stay and Play' sessions, where we love to engage with parents about our next steps in our learning, our maths and phonics sessions are always very popular and well liked!

## Homework

It is our practice in Reception to send home termly 'Home Learning Challenges', these challenges are fun and interactive and cater to all aspects of learning within our curriculum. They will be completed over the term, and will include at least an activity a week for you to have a go at! All of the information will be made clear when your child receives their challenges.

## Reading

Reading bags are provided for all the children, and we ask that they are brought to school daily.

We read daily with your child, and aim to change reading books at least twice a week. We ask that you also read regularly at home, this will help tremendously with your child's application of phonics.

## Lunch Time

Our lunch time at school is 11:45am-12:45pm, in that time we eat our lunch and play outside.

There are two options for your child at lunch time: **a school dinner**, which is ordered online via our Dolce app, or a **packed lunch**, which is provided from home.

## Our first day: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

*Children will be attending Morning/Afternoon sessions; you will receive this information closer to the time.*

**Thank you for your time and remember we have an open door policy. Any problems, questions or answers you need please come and we will do all we can to help!**

**We cannot wait to meet you, and start our learning journey!**

**Miss Brown  
Reception Teacher**