

# St Adrian's Catholic Primary School

## Welcome to Nursery Class



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## Our Mission Statement

***To learn, to love, to live***  
**as a community of God with Christ as our teacher**

Within the love of God our Father, we seek to be a welcoming community, where each person is valued and enabled to grow, where gifts are nurtured, differences treasured and all are cared for.

Learning, loving and living together in a rapidly changing world, we believe our school is a sign of God's Kingdom of Love, allowing each of us to move confidently into the future following the path of Jesus.

And so, as a community of children, staff, parents and governors, we strive:

- to develop and sustain a sense of God's presence in our lives
- to develop self-confidence and independence, with a sense of worth and self-esteem
- to recognise and value all people with their diversity of gifts, cultures and faiths
- to have consideration for others, learning to work together with a sense of social responsibility and compassion
- to help everyone feel valued and confident as an individual and part of a loving community
- to promote a zest for learning and a passion for life's opportunities
- to become the best that we can be personally and academically



# Families and Practitioners working together

***“Children make rapid progress in the Nursery and Reception classes and by the end of the Reception Year the proportion reaching a good level of development is above the national average. Children are extremely well prepared to start Year 1.”***

**St Adrian’s OFSTED October 2016**

Starting school is a big step for both you and your child. At St Adrian’s we work hard to ensure that your child settles quickly into school life and has a happy start to their education.

We value a good relationship with you, the parents, carers and families, as this plays a fundamental part in the settling in process, and indeed in the rest of your child’s time at school. Your child’s education is a two way process, between home and school and, therefore, you are always welcome to discuss any comments, questions or suggestions that you may wish to share with us.

In Nursery class, the Class Teacher is your child’s key worker.

We aim to promote equal opportunities in all aspects of school life and to promote the welfare of all pupils and their academic achievement, irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity or disability.

St. Adrian’s Catholic Primary School has a home school agreement that seeks to develop a positive partnership between the school, the family and the child. We hope that you will share this with your son or daughter and support the principles behind it.

# School Times

Below is a sample timetable, although timings are approximate and vary depending upon the needs of the children. Children are also involved in collective worship, either in the hall or classroom.

08.45	Doors Open – funky fingers session	
09.00	Registration/morning prayer/welcome time	
09.15	Wake up Shake up – gross motor and coordination development	
09.30	Adult directed learning (Letters and Sounds/Maths)	abc
10.00	Child initiated learning including snack and outside play	 
11.30	Talking time, RE, singing and rhyme time	  
11.45	Story time	
12.00	Home time prayer/Nursery ends	

The end of the morning session is the best time to talk with the Nursery Teacher about your child. At the beginning and end of the morning, please wait at the gate until a Nursery member of staff comes to let you in.

# Nursery Uniform and Dress Code

please ensure that all items are labelled clearly

## Boys and Girls

Royal blue sweater with school crest

White polo shirt with school crest

Navy blue jogging trousers (winter)

Navy blue shorts (summer)

Mid blue checked summer dresses can be worn in summer if preferred

Warm weather - St. Adrian's sunhat (order through school Gateway payment system) and sun cream applied prior to arriving at school. Cold weather – hats and gloves

Please provide named wellington boots that can be kept in class so that the children can play outside in all weathers!

Waterproof coat to be brought into school every day – even during the summer to avoid being caught out by sudden showery rain.

Please provide sensible footwear to play both indoors and out whatever the weather! No laces please.

School book bags, sunhats and gym bags are available from the school these can be purchased for £3.50 each via the Gateway payment page

School sweaters, ties and PE t shirts are available from  
Stevensons School outfitters,  
131-135 Victoria Street  
St Albans, Herts. AL1 3XS

Email: [stacustomerservices@stevensons.co.uk](mailto:stacustomerservices@stevensons.co.uk)

Phone: 01727 853262

<https://www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches/st-albans/1>

# All about the Nursery Class

## Drinks and Snacks

Please send your child into school every day with a clearly labelled drink bottle containing water. Children have a mid-morning snack time and are encouraged to try different healthy snacks. Milk and fruit are provided. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per half term to help pay towards additional snacks and resources. This contribution can be made via the school Gateway payment page.

## Book Bags

Please send your child into school with their St. Adrian's blue book bag every day (available through the school Gateway payment page).

## Library Books

Every Thursday children will choose a book from our library which they can take home and share with you. Library books will be changed in class on Thursdays.

## Shoes and Coats

Children are encouraged to put on their coats by themselves, so please help your child to do this independently at home. Sensible shoes with Velcro no laces.

## PE Day

Nursery children visit the hall for PE once a week. No PE kit required. Children learn to take off and put shoes and socks on. Again, please help your child learn to take off and put on their shoes and socks at home.

## Toilet Training

Children **must** be fully toilet trained in order to start in the Nursery class. We do not have the facilities to change nappies in the Foundation Stage. Please make sure that they can also clean themselves afterwards. Do not be concerned if an 'accident' happens at school.

## Spare Clothes

Please provide a spare change of clothes that can be left on your child's peg. Feel free to discuss any issues about toilet training with the Nursery staff.

# Keeping your child safe at St. Adrian's

## Punctuality

Lateness should be avoided at all times both at the start and the end of the school day. Between 8.45 and 9.00 am important learning activities take place which support your child's learning and development. Classroom doors will be closed at 9:00am and classroom practitioners are asked not to open the door after this time for reasons of safety. Should you arrive after 9:00am, please report to the School Office to register your child.

If your child is going home with another adult, please inform a member of the Foundation staff or Mrs Flint, our Office Manager. If at all possible, introduce the alternative adult to us. We will not be able to hand your child over to an unknown adult.

## Absences

If your child is ill or is unable to attend school, please let the School Office know the reason for absence via a telephone message. The school telephone number is: Tel: +44 (0)1727 852687.

## Taking care: Medical issues

If a child is taken ill at school, parents are notified so that their child can be collected from school. ***Please let us know immediately if your emergency contact numbers or personal phone numbers change.***

## Allergies

If your child has any medical conditions, including allergies, asthma or eczema, please complete a medical form, this should be returned to the School Office. You can find the medical form on our school website under Parent Information/New Entrant documents.

## Medication

If your child requires any medication, such as asthma or Epipen, send it into school in a plastic container, clearly labelled with your child's name and list of contents. Please keep a note of the 'use by date' at home. It is your responsibility to replace medication as required. Please ensure that you have completed a medical form that indicates when and how the medication should be administered. Again, the form is available on our website under Parent Information/New Entrant documents.

## **Sickness and Diarrhoea**

After being sick or suffering from diarrhoea, children must be kept at home until a full 48 hours has passed since the last bout.

## **Hair and Head lice**

If your child has shoulder length hair, it must be tied back at all times as this minimises the spread of head lice. Head lice are a nuisance that affect all schools. Please inspect your child's hair for head lice each week. Do not send your child to school with live head lice, treat the hair and bring your child into school as soon as you have done this. Following this, continue to check your child's hair and use a head lice comb to minimise any recurrence.

## **Sun Protection**

Children need to wear a school sunhat and come to school wearing the necessary sun protection on hot days. Reception children may bring in a named spray/roll-on bottle of sunscreen that they know how to apply themselves. However, we will assist your child.

## **Suitable clothing**

Whatever the weather, to ensure that your child can always enjoy the outside environment, please send your child into school with a coat every day; a light raincoat in the summer and a very well insulated coat, with a hood, for the winter.

# **Additional Educational needs**

The school is wholly inclusive and upholds parents' right for their child to be educated in a mainstream school.

The parent, classroom practitioners or a Health Professional may identify children with additional needs in a variety of ways, before the child starts school, or whilst the child is at school.

Any additional needs your child may have will first be discussed with you and the appropriate support will be put in place.

Some children need extra help for a short time: others may need a long-term programme of support. For minor learning challenges, early years practitioners in school provide additional support in classrooms and, when appropriate, take small groups to work on a planned programme of activities. The support of parents at this time is invaluable.

Children with additional needs may be given a Learning Plan which sets out the steps they will follow in order to achieve their learning targets. Learning Plans are reviewed each term, discussed and agreed with parents.

For any child with an Education, Health, Care Plan of additional needs, review meetings to discuss progress and provision will be held between school staff, parents and any other external professionals involved with the child.

Additional needs are not just about children experiencing difficulties - more able children are identified and appropriately challenging activities are provided to ensure they reach their full potential.

Further information regarding the school's special education needs policy can be found on the school website:

<https://stadrians.herts.sch.uk/2020/03/send/>

## Additional Information

### **Special items from home**

Children are not encouraged to bring in toys from home as lost or broken items can be distressing. However, children are welcome to bring into school items that are connected to the current topic or are of interest in respect of learning. Please discuss with your child what they are bringing in as this will help them to talk about it when sharing their item with the class.

### **Walk to School**

Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or bike to school if possible. If a bike or scooter is brought to school, they should be taken home again when your child is dropped off or stored at the bike rack, in the main car park.

# Useful websites

[www.stadrians.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stadrians.herts.sch.uk)

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/974907/EYFS\\_framework\\_-\\_March\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf)

Family Centre Service

[www.hertsmere-children.co.uk](http://www.hertsmere-children.co.uk)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/>

[www.lovelybooks.co.uk](http://www.lovelybooks.co.uk)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)