

Welcome



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

Reception Meeting 2021

Tuesday 25th May 2021- 6:30pm

Love

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Respect

Perseverance

Compassion

Inspiration

Be who God wants you to be
and so set the world on fire!

Saint Catherine of Siena



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Our vision is to be the best Catholic School we can be.

We have high expectations of ourselves and everyone in our community .

We aim to:

- Shape the whole person
- Strive for excellence
- Create inspiring learning space
- Build community

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Leadership Structure



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Headteacher: Miss Chwastek

Deputy Headteacher: Miss Quiligotti

**Assistant Headteacher & current EYFS
Leader: Mrs McCormick**

**EYFS Leader from September 2021: Mrs
Short**

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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?



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The EYFS is a statutory framework setting the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five. The framework has recently been updated and there will be an amended version in place from September 2021.

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Overarching Principles

There are four guiding principles should shape practice in early years settings. These are:

- every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured
- children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships
- children learn and develop well in enabling environments with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers.
- importance of learning and development. Children develop and learn at different rates.



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Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language



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Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

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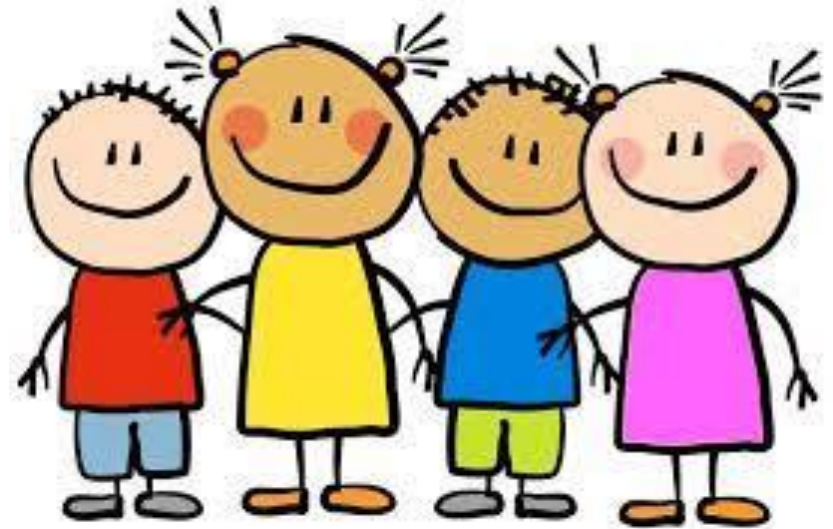
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At the end of Reception, children are assessed against each aspect of learning (known as Early Learning Goals) with a judgement of 'emerging' in the aspect of learning, or 'expected' in the area of learning.



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Reception Baseline

The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a short, task-based assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. The assessment will form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between reception and year 6.



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Outdoor Learning



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Other Events in School



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Daily Routine

Children arrive for Reception
from 8.30am via Class 1.



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The children will have a peg
which they should hang their
coats and book bags on.

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They will then put their lunchboxes and water bottles away.



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Children then come to the carpet area for their morning starter activity and the register.



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Children have access to 'snack' throughout the day. This is usually a piece of fruit.



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Children should bring into school their own reusable bottle of still, unflavoured water each morning. They can help themselves to this throughout the day.

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Lunchtime



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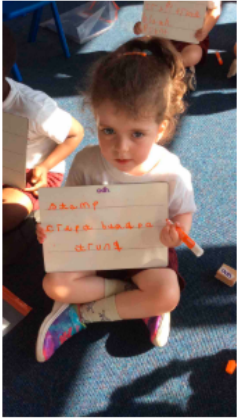
Monitoring Progress



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Pictures & Videos

Upload



Observation Details

Notes Super work from Annabelle yesterday morning in phonics writing those very tricky 5 letter words!

Parent Notes from Parent (Parent of Annabelle Rose Gallagher) Brilliant! And lovely handwriting 😊

Parent Share Yes

Experience Date 25/06/2020

Experience Time 08:41


Observed by Jenny McCormick

Tags [Click to Edit](#)

Created: 25/06/2020, 08:42 by Jenny McCormick Last Updated: 26/06/2020, 22:56 by Parent

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Learners



Documents & Links

No Documents & Links are defined for the Observation.

<http://help.evidence.me/evidence-me-help-for-parents/>



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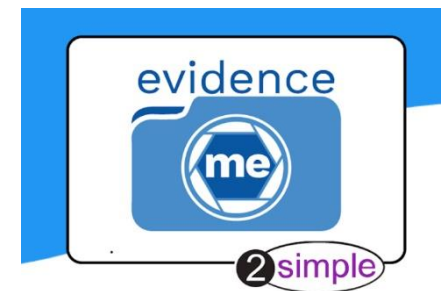
How Parent Share Works

1. Once a school/ setting has linked your email address to your child's account, you will be sent a Parent Share invitation to activate your account.
2. If you would like to participate, click on the link to activate and confirm your email address.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive your set up email please check your spam/ junk folder. If it doesn't appear in there then please contact the school/ setting directly to ensure this has been sent to you.



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Parental Observations

Evidence Me Parent App



The Evidence Me Parent App can be downloaded by clicking one of the above icons.



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Download the App from your devices' App Store

1. Visit the App Store or Play Store on your device and search for **Evidence Me by 2Simple**
2. Follow the steps to download the app



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Parental Involvement



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School Ready



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Promote

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Proposed Transition into Reception

Tuesday 29th June 2021

Thursday 1st July 2021

Stay and Play Sessions in school.

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Wednesday 8th September 2021

Thursday 9th September 2021

Classes split in half and children in for half day sessions- AM/ PM, staying for lunch on their 2nd morning session.

Friday 10th September 2021

All Reception children in school all day.



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School Uniform



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The deadline for orders delivered to school before the summer holidays is the 15th June. For home deliveries, this is the 15th July.

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ParentMail

- Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do and making sure you get the correct information about activities and events is something we care about.
- Our primary way of communicating with you is via ParentMail.

All payments to school should go through ParentMail.

We also use the forms section of ParentMail, so please check it regularly.



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BENEFITS OF USING PARENTMAIL

- Via parentmail you are able to pay and give consent for trips, buildings fund and dinner money etc.
- There is a parentmail APP if you have a iphone or smartphone.
- eLetters are stored in your account for easy access.
- Both parents can register if required.
- Siblings accounts can be linked.

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Free School Meals



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If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support; or
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; or
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance; or
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit; or
- Child Tax Credit as long as it doesn't include an amount for childcare and as long as the household income is £16,190 a year or less. This income limit will be used until April 2012 but may go up in future years. Working tax Credit is **not** a qualifying income; or
- A Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week.

You can find out if you are eligible for clicking the link below:

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education_benefits/7355/free_school_meals

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Coronavirus: information about [help with food costs while schools are closed](#).

If your child qualifies and their school is in Manchester, you can

[Apply for free school meals](#)

You'll need to contact the school yourself if it isn't listed.

If your child's school is **outside Manchester**, their free school meals will be dealt with by the local authority the school is in. Go to the [GOV.UK](#) website and enter the postcode of the school your child attends to find out how to get them.

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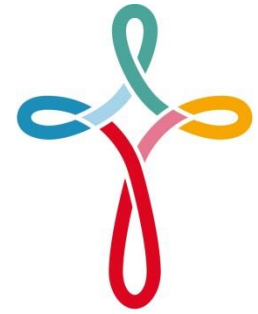
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School Fund

This is a voluntary donation to the school which helps provide resources. School fund has been used for additional class resources and class activities.

We give a guideline of £1 a week but it is entirely at your own discretion how much you would like to donate to the school. Some parents send a £1 in each week others send £52 for the whole year.

This can be paid through Parentmail.



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Diocesan Buildings Fund

Buildings fund is £15 this year per child.

Payable in September each year.

Here at St Catherine's we are undergoing massive building improvements which your children will benefit from in the future so it is **VERY** important that this fund is supported.



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Parent Teacher Association

As a parent of a child at St. Catherine's you are a member of the PTA.



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Get involved!

- Social events
- Fundraising

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There will be a meeting in September so come along and find out more.

<https://vimeo.com/340947898>

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NEW TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

JOIN OUR LOTTERY!
Help boost school funds
Win up to £25,000

- Join now for just £1 per week
- Cash prizes every week
- A fun way to support this school
- Win up to £25,000

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: St Catherine's

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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Our PTA also have a pre-loved uniform website!



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<https://sites.google.com/view/stcaths-preloved-uniform>

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Attendance

- Going to school regularly is important to your child's future. YOU are legally responsible for making sure they attend every day.
- Holidays during school time are not permitted.
- Children who miss school frequently can fall behind.
- Children who miss school frequently can have difficulties with friendship groups
- When a child misses 10 days from school they have missed out on 5% of their education that school year.



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**Our target attendance next
year is 98%**

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School Website

Our school website can be found at

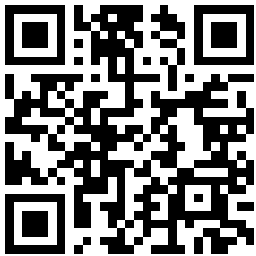
<https://www.st-catherines.manchester.sch.uk/>

You may download the school app at

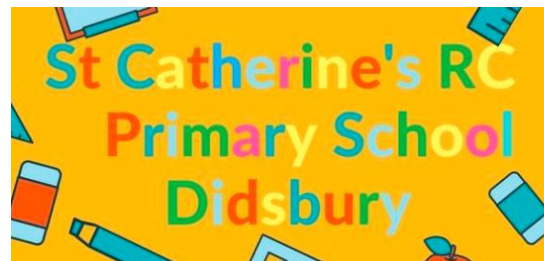
<http://stcatherinesrc.weejot.com/mobile>



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Please also see our Facebook Page for school updates.



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Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you. We look forward to welcoming your child into Reception at St. Catherine's.

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