

Fioretti Trust



St Barnabas Church of England Primary School

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO ST BARNABAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We warmly welcome you to St Barnabas Church of England Primary School and look forward to working with you during your child's primary school journey. This pack is to provide you with some key information which will help you with the transition into school life.

We are an OFSTED rated Good primary school. In 2019 we converted to an academy and are proud members of the Fioretti Trust. As a church of England school, we have a special link with St. Barnabas Church, Erdington which we visit often.

We are a friendly, welcoming and caring school. As a church school we welcome and include children and families from all faiths and non.

Our school has a strong vision and values rooted in Christian theology which was recognised by Bishop David when we were awarded the Bishop of Birmingham award in 2021 for living our Christian vision and values.

There is a real sense of community within our school - we are a family school. We believe that children and adults achieve more when they feel happy, secure and valued. The children are very proud of their school and always have lots of positive things to talk about!

We want the children to enjoy their learning and we have high expectations for their achievement, creative, emotional and social development. We value the diversity of our community and want everyone to feel valued. Through the quality of the relationships our children develop whilst at St Barnabas and through the nurture, care, guidance, support and encouragement they are given, they leave us being confident individuals ready to embrace the next phase of their education.

For more information, latest news and curriculum details on our school please visit our website at www.stbarnabas-erdington.com. If you are a new family considering applying for a place and would like to visit the school to see us in action, please contact the office and we would be happy to welcome you.

Emma Grice
Executive Headteacher



ABOUT THE FIORETTI TRUST

We are proud to be part of the Fioretti Trust. Fioretti is an inclusive Trust where everything begins and ends with the children, this vision involves everyone working together to achieve and be the best they can be. As a family of schools, we strive to provide the best learning opportunities for the communities we serve and ensure we are living our Trust values: aspiration, wisdom and compassion.

Our aim: through its vision, values and practice, each school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and enabling children and adults to flourish.

Claire Grainger
Head of Trust

Fioretti Trust



Aspiration

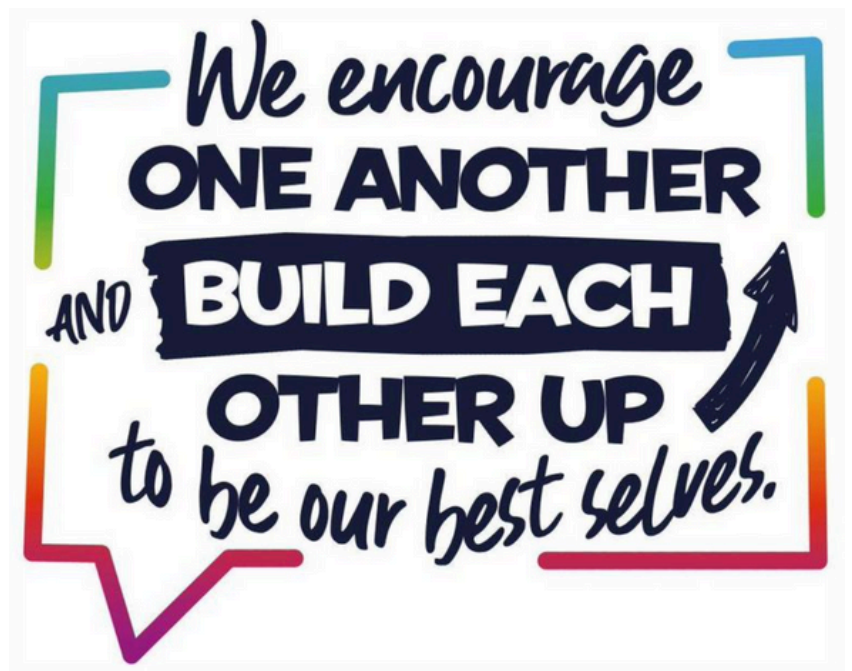


Wisdom



Compassion





VALUES AND VISION

Our Christian vision underpins everything we do. We believe everyone is uniquely created by God to flourish as their best selves. We are inspired by Jesus and His teachings to live in and share hope. We encourage everyone to find their special gifts, talents, and qualities.

Saint Barnabas Primary School is founded upon core Christian values of honesty, kindness, co-operation, friendship and determination. These values were selected by the extended St. Barnabas Family. Children, parents, Governors and staff all chose their top five Christian values. The Worship Council then determined which five the school would focus upon.

To support our school values, the themes for Collective Worship are changed each half term and reflect how we develop the social, moral, emotional and spiritual growth of our children. Our Christian values are explored through key Bible stories to help children understand them in a Christian context and to give them an example of how they can be lived. We also explore wider values of respect, courage, trust and appreciation children are encouraged to consider what our values mean to them.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

As a Church Voluntary Aided Primary School, Saint Barnabas works hard to develop and sustain the school's Christian distinctiveness. We work in close partnership with the Church of Saint Barnabas and make regular visits as a school. At Saint Barnabas we embody the Church of England's vision for education - that there should be no artificial choice between academic rigor and the well-being of our pupils - a good education must promote life in all its fullness.

Inclusion and celebrating our diversity

We welcome families from all faiths and none. Although our Christian ethos is an important part of who we are, we also recognise and celebrate our diverse local community and recognise and take opportunities to learn from each other and about each other.

Worship

We have daily Collective Worship in the school hall and classrooms. Children play an important part in leading, evaluating and planning collective worship. Collective worship included reading from the Bible, Bible stories other stories, prayers, reflection and songs. Please see our [collective worship page](#) and ethos committee page on the website for more information.





ADMISSIONS/IN YEAR TRANSFERS

If you would like to make an application for your child to transfer to our school part way through the year, you will need to download and complete an In Year Transfer Form. If your child is currently attending a school, your child's current school can provide you with one of these or alternatively one can be downloaded from our website.

Applications for Reception are made online and more information on how to do this can be found below:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

If you wish to make an application under the faith criteria, you may do so by collecting a faith form for your Vicar to complete and return this to School Office. This is in addition to the online application made with Birmingham City Council. The closing date for the faith claim form is the same date as the application.

Late applications for a reception place still need to be registered through the Local Authority and not directly with the school.

St Barnabas' Nursery have a yearly intake every September following a child's third birthday. Children are entitled to 15 hours a week provision, which is either allocated full day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday AM or Wednesday PM and full day Thursday and Friday. However, for the current academic year, full time provision is available for a top-up fee of £75.00 per week for 5 full days of provision. Some people are eligible to 30 hours funded provision. To see if you are eligible visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.

Nursery places are offered out end of March/beginning of April.

“Pupils and staff flourish at this welcoming and harmonious school. There are caring and respectful relationships between all members of the school community. At Saint Barnabas, pupils encourage each other to be their ‘best selves’”
-Ofsted



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are proud of our school uniform and believe that it forms part of our distinctive identity. Branded uniform with our school logo can be purchased from Trutex School Uniforms online using the following link: www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Children are required to have the following school uniform:

1. St Barnabas red sweatshirt or cardigan or plain red jumper or cardigan (unbranded and no logos).
2. White plain polo shirt can be worn under a jumper or cardigan.
3. Grey or black trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
4. Red and white summer dress.
5. St Barnabas House Coloured School book bag.
6. Appropriate outerwear (coat, hat, gloves, cap) for the season.
7. Long hair must be tied back using a tie, bobbles or hair band
8. Headscarves worn for religious purposes must be plain

Footwear

1. Plain socks or tights, white, black or grey, should be worn for school.
2. Shoes should be black. Trainer style shoes should not be worn.
3. Fashion shoes (platforms, heels, multi-coloured shoes, open-toe, boots etc) are not suitable.

Jewellery

1. Pupils are not permitted to wear smart watches, other jewellery is not suitable for the school day.
2. Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain studs. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove and replace them themselves.

We ask parents not to send their children to school wearing:

1. Jeans, denim clothing or jogging bottoms.
2. Unsuitable shoes e.g. high heels or flip flops
3. Branded clothes
4. Make up, nail varnish or excessive amounts of hair gel
5. Jewellery
6. Extreme haircuts and styles

Indoor Kit

1. A t-shirt in their house colour
2. Plain black shorts
3. Socks and black plimsolls (although children can be in bare feet for some activities)
4. Hair bobble for tying back long hair.
5. No branded or clothes with logos

Outdoor Kit

1. Indoor PE kit + Trainers
2. For winter wear - plain black jogging bottoms with a crested school jumper or a plain red jumper.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS CLEARLY WITH BOTH NAMES OR FIRST NAME AND CLASS

SCHOOL DINNERS

We strongly recommend that children have a school meal. We have excellent school meals cooked on the premises. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal under the Universal Free School Meals Fund. School dinners are served daily from our school hall. We operate a three-week menu rotation. Menus are displayed in the school window and are also on our website.

Although we encourage children to take up the option of a school meal, we do allow children to bring a packed lunch. Lunch must be brought to school in a box (which is clearly labelled) or suitable plastic container. Packed lunches must be cold, please do not drop off a hot lunch for your child. Water is available on the tables for all children.

If you have any concerns with regards to your child's dietary needs, please speak to your class teacher or our Pastoral Manager.

Please note, we are a nut free school due to having a number of children with nut allergies. Therefore, it is imperative that no products containing nuts or traces of nuts are permitted in school.

There is always a choice of two meals including a vegetarian option, a choice of a jacket potato, sandwich or wrap and a salad cart. There is also a dessert option available.

We promote healthy eating for school meals and packed lunches and provide special arrangements for dietary requirements and allergies. See our website for more information,

At St Barnabas, we follow the NHS guidelines from the 'Eatwell guide'. We encourage children to make healthy snack choices. KS1 children are offered fruit each day in accordance with this, but they are also allowed to bring in their own healthy snack from home (no chocolate, crisps or cake).



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St Barnabas School Day	
8:35am	School gates open for children to enter school.
8:50am	Registers close and children arriving prior to this time will be marked as late
Lunchtime	Nursery 11:30 – 12:30 Reception 11.45 - 12.45 Key stage 1 and 2 12.00 - 13.00
3.15pm	Nursery
3.20pm	Reception, Key stage 1 and 2

Nursery Part Time Hours	
Nursery Part Time 1	Monday – Tuesday 8.50am - 3.15pm Wednesday 8.50am – 11.25pm
Nursery Part Time 2	Wednesday 12.50pm – 3.15pm Thursday – Friday 8.50am – 3.15pm

Please note that if you are visiting our school and require use of the car park that we have a Closed Gate & No Moving Vehicles Policy from 8.30am to 9am and again between 3pm and 3.30pm.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

As a school we have a duty to report concerns about the wellbeing of children to other agencies. Parents may, or may not, be informed. We request any safeguarding concerns be reported to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. Please see posters in entrance hall to identify current DSLs.

Classes

The children are divided into classes when they start Reception. The division of classes is made by the teachers and the senior leadership team. When classes are divided the decisions are made for academic, social and emotional reasons.

Governors

The Governing Body of the school meets twice a term. It has responsibility for the appointment of staff, the school budget, the upkeep of the building and setting the school curriculum. It provides a general oversight of the running of the school. There are 3 parents of children in the school on the Governing Body.

Collecting children from school

A list of persons authorised to collect your child(ren) must be kept up to date. If for any reason you arrange for someone to collect your child from school that is not listed as an authorised person a note to your child's class teacher must be given with the person's name, relationship to your child and brief description. If alternative arrangements are made in an emergency, you must contact the school office as soon as possible to allow the message to be sent to class before the end of the school day. If you will be late, please telephone the school office as a matter of courtesy.

Emergency contacts

In the case of illness or accident it is essential that we have telephone numbers and addresses where parents can be contacted quickly. You will be given a form to fill in to supply this information. If you change address, telephone number or place of employment please let us know immediately so that we can keep you up to date and contact you in the event of an emergency.

Keeping in touch

We are committed to offering opportunities to engage with school, support your child's education and build strong partnerships with our families. Your child will benefit most when there is a combined effort from school and home and will endeavour to always keep you well informed.

Through our parent communication system, you will receive information about awards and special events.

There is a weekly newsletter which contains an up-to-date important diary dates, school news and details awards. We would strongly encourage you to read this every week.

Class teachers also send out half termly newsletters. All parents will receive an annual written report on their child's progress in Summer Term.

Our school website contains useful information, policies as well as a calendar which you are able to sync with your calendar on your smartphone. Our web address is: www.stbarnabas-erdington.com

We also have a school 'twitter' account, now known as 'X' which is frequently updated with what wonderful things are taking place in school: @stbarnabasSch.

Parent Code of Conduct

We expect every adult in our school our school community, or who visits our school, to model our school values to each other and the children. To ensure this we have a parent, carer and visitor code of conduct. Please see the parents' section of our website for more information.



ATTENDANCE



Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development.

Parents' responsibilities

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education, usually from the age of 5 to 16. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

Absence

You should contact the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence to explain why your child is absent. Please leave your child's full name and class, giving the reason for the absence. If you do not, we will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why your child is not in school. You must then call in each day if the illness persists.

Leave in term time

All parents can request a 'leave of absence' for their child. The head teacher will decide whether to approve the request.

If your child has a medical appointment, during school time, please inform the office with as much notice as possible. Children can be brought into school and collected at the appropriate time and brought back into school following such appointments.

Attendance Ladder



BEHAVIOUR

At St Barnabas we have three school rules to help create a safe learning environment: **ready**, **respectful** and **safe**. We insist on high standards and expectations when it comes to behaviour.

This will pervade all aspects of school life through:

- the culture and values of the school
- how pupils are taught to behave
- our response when pupils behaviour does not meet expectations

Every pupil is entitled to a calm, warm, ordered environment in which they know they belong and can engage with free of distraction. We believe we should make expected behaviour clear and ensure this is taught and practised regularly through our behaviour curriculum.

The support of parents and carers in maintaining good behaviour in school is invaluable. Therefore, if a child's behaviour causes a concern, parents or carers will be contacted.

Our behaviour policy on our website, outlines a range of sanctions and rewards which are necessary to reinforce correct conduct and maintain a calm and safe school environment.



“Pupils set themselves high standards for behaviour and they behave well. Pupils feel secure because they know what is expected of them. They know who to go to if they have a worry and trust adults to deal with any concerns.” -Ofsted

NURSERY & RECEPTION

At Saint Barnabas, we want every child's first experiences of school to be accompanied by feelings of excitement and anticipation. We recognise the importance of supporting children to build relationships with our school staff, and to become familiar with their new environment before they begin in September.

Nursery Parents are invited to join our Open Evening in the Summer term and in September will receive a home visit to meet their child's teachers, be invited to Stay and Play sessions and children will build up to their full hours through staggered starts. Reception Parents are invited to attend our Open Evening, our Teddy Bear's Picnic and Stay and Play sessions during the Summer term and meet one-to-one with your child's class teacher before starting in September.

**“Early years is a lively and purposeful place to learn. Staff work together to plan learning so that children build their knowledge from Nursery through to Reception”
-Ofsted**

Throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage, we promote independence, resilience and perseverance through stimulating environments and activities. By working on the following skills at home before they begin school, you will be supporting your child's Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- dressing and undressing
- using the toilet independently and washing hands
- eating with a knife and fork
- sharing and taking turns
- identifying their emotions
- being responsible for their belongings



OUR CURRICULUM

At St Barnabas, our aim is for every child to access a broad and balanced curriculum, one which is fun, engaging and appropriate to their need. Where possible, we aim to enrich curriculum with real life experiences and educational visits to ensure children really do get the most out of their learning in the classroom.

In accordance with the National Curriculum, all formal subjects are taught discretely to children, with links being made across curriculum areas where appropriate. Reading really is at the heart of our curriculum, and we are passionate about ensuring that all children are secondary ready by the time they leave St Barnabas. Our vision is to ensure all children are equipped with the skills, knowledge and reading ability required to access any curriculum area in their future education, as well as being inspired to be curious about the world they live in and understand their place in society as a global citizen. Children therefore experience a curriculum which is centered around high-quality texts, and one which builds in opportunities for personal, social and spiritual development.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER

At St Barnabas, we pride ourselves on offering a rich extra-curricular offer for all children to take part in and enjoy beyond the classroom. Our clubs cover a range of different activities, from art to sports, games to outside activities; there really is something for everyone! Clubs are advertised via the parent communication system.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational visits form an integral part of the curriculum. We endeavour to arrange educational visits to complement our classroom work including visits to places of worship as part of their religious education curriculum. We offer our Year 6 pupils the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to an outdoor study centre in their final year with us, providing them with the chance to take part in adventurous outdoor activities and fieldwork. We do our best to keep costs to a minimum whilst ensuring that standards of safety are never compromised.



SEND

At St Barnabas, our unwavering commitment to inclusivity is at the heart of everything we do. We understand that every child is unique, with diverse backgrounds and a wide range of characteristics. Our teaching and learning approach not only accommodates these differences but also celebrates them as positive attributes that enrich the learning experience. Aligned with the SEND Code of Practice, we prioritise high-quality teaching as the initial response to any learning need, fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all.

We value your expertise regarding your child. We are always eager to engage in meaningful dialogue with parents and caregivers, sharing information and drawing upon your unique knowledge of your child. Your insights are incredibly valuable in shaping our approach to their education. At times, it may be necessary to seek advice from external agencies to support children in achieving the best outcomes. Any external referrals are discussed with parents and caregivers, and permission is sought. Your child's progress is regularly monitored and reviewed, with continuous contact and consultation at every stage of this journey.

The SEND Team



Mrs Parveen
SENCO



Mrs Hulin
**Autism Lead and
SEND assistant**



Miss Hall
**Speech and Language
Champion SEND assistant**

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

To protect the privacy and safeguarding of all pupils, parents, carers and visitors must not take photographs or make video or audio recordings anywhere on the school site unless they have been given specific permission by the Headteacher.

Occasionally, the school may permit photographs or videos during special events such as performances or sports days. In these cases, families will be clearly informed in advance, and consent will apply only for personal, non-commercial use. Images or videos taken on these occasions must not be shared on social media or in any public forum, as this may identify other children without parental consent.

The school regularly takes official photographs and videos for learning, assessment and celebration purposes. These are managed in accordance with the consents provided by parents and carers.

Any breach of this rule may result in the withdrawal of permission to be on the school site, in line with the school's Parents, Carers and Visitors Code of Conduct and Behaviour on School Premises Policy.

COMMUNICATION AND COMPLAINTS

We value relationships between home and school so that we can all work together to support your child in developing and being their best self. Parents' evenings are arranged three times a year alongside other opportunities to meet with school staff and attend special events. These are on our newsletters and are communicated via email. Teachers are happy to talk to you about your child and are usually available for short conversations at pick up. For longer conversations, please arrange an appointment directly with the class teacher or through the office.

We would rather solve your worries before they become complaints. No problem is too small! If your child is unhappy, please come in and discuss it with us so that we can help. Class teachers are always your first port of call but for unresolved issues you can also contact the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher. In the unlikely event we cannot resolve the issue, you can contact school for details of the official complaint procedure.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

'Shining Stars' is our before and after school club providing wrap around care. Our friendly staff supervise a wide variety of activities and encourage our children to have lots of fun and free play. Opening hours are 7.30am to 5.45pm. Further information, price lists and details of how to apply are available via email request to shiningstars.stb@fioretti.co.uk

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

The school site is designated as a "No-Smoking" area. Smoking is not allowed at any time, including lettings or weekend activities.

If bringing dogs on site, please ensure they are carried. They cannot be left unattended (tied up) outside the school gates.

The personal property of pupils brought into schools is not insured. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that such items of value are adequately insured through their own private policies.

For school term dates and training days, please consult the school website.