

Our Lady of Lourdes



Catholic Primary School

Prospectus



“Our Lady of Lourdes is a thriving school.” OFSTED

Rated as ‘GOOD’ by OFSTED February 2018



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At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary school we seek to create a unique and enabling community whereby children and staff are encouraged to journey beyond their expectations - academically, socially and spiritually - within a culture based on Gospel Values.



WHEN YOU ENTER THIS LOVING SCHOOL CONSIDER YOURSELF ONE OF THE SPECIAL MEMBERS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FAMILY

Welcome

VISION AND VALUES A FAMILY OF LIFE LONG LEARNERS

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary, we thrive on a sense of belonging. Pupils, parents, staff, governors and parishioners tell us they feel part of something special - a place filled with hope and optimism.

We seek to work collaboratively with our families - the first educators - as partners in learning; enabling all of our children to blossom. We strive to offer our children a memorable, enriching, joyous and life affirming range of learning opportunities and experiences whilst they are with us.

We encourage our children to dream big - and seek to broaden horizons and experiences, whilst supporting them to reach their potential - from their own unique starting points.

As a Clifton Diocesan school, we do offer a Catholic education, which warmly welcomes families from Christian, other world religions or no faith backgrounds at all. Parents choose Our Lady of Lourdes because they identify with something distinctive that they want for their child. It may be good behaviour...high expectations...a small, family feel...traditional values...ethos or Mission Statement. Whatever the attraction, our families are united in their commitment to our school community, and our endeavour to enable...every...single...child to flourish.

Our children are our joy and delight. We embrace and celebrate our rich diversity as we learn to be a family of lifelong learners.

"I love the events, trips and problem solving. You can't get bored."

YEAR 6 PUPIL

IN THE BEGINNING...

Right from the first days of your child starting in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), our purpose is to ignite a passion for learning which will, hopefully, last for a life time.

We aim to nurture our youngest children to be inquisitive, enthusiastic and confident learners who want to explore their learning environment and know more about the world in which they live.

We use the EYFS curriculum to support our planning and teaching - devising a range of opportunities to develop those essential skills which enable our children to work together and independently, to become creative, resourceful, resilient and fearless learners.

We ensure that our learning environments, both inside and outdoors, provides plenty of opportunities for our children to follow their interests and choose how to play - creating, constructing, planning, imagining and problem solving. We ensure that our environment enables a balance of adult lead or supported, as well as wholly independent learning opportunities.

"This school makes me happy."

YEAR 5 PUPIL



**LOVE
LIVE AND
LEARN
LIKE JESUS
TAUGHT US.**

"I think this school is really special because it welcomes us in and helps us with learning. The staff care about us."

YEAR 3 PUPIL



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"Every child is valued and respected and my child loves going to school. The class teachers are friendly and approachable."

PARENT

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - EVERYWHERE!

Our curriculum is one of high expectations in social, emotional, academic, physical and spiritual elements. With purposeful assessment and truly learning about our children, our talented staff are able to identify the needs of each child from their own starting point. We seek to offer opportunities for all to flourish: to experience achievement and success - in its many forms.

Our curriculum is holistic - broad, enriching, diverse, creative, energising and investigative - just great fun! Whilst meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum guidelines, we also like to dabble in fencing, archery, ballroom dancing, orienteering, debating, climbing, dressing up as Vikings, making dens and fire pits, learning sign language, making music, writing letters, working with recyclable rubbish and even flowers and plants.

We like to 'go large' at every opportunity and enjoy whole school curriculum themed weeks which push the boundaries and broaden our pupils' experiences; igniting and nurturing a love of life long learning.

"The passion, enthusiasm and commitment to children that shines out of the school is like no other school I've worked in."

MEMBER OF STAFF



"We are all a family because we all are loving people and we care about each other."

YEAR 3 PUPIL

"The teachers are all so approachable, positive and friendly. Our children are happy and proud to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes school."

PARENT



"I love this school because we do lots of fun and interesting projects like Music Week and muffi days. All the teachers and staff are really kind and caring and help you when you need it."

YEAR 5 PUPIL

DEEP IN GOD'S HEART IS A DREAM FOR EACH OF US.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our independently run Breakfast and After School Club offers wraparound care from 7.30am until 6pm. Experienced and friendly staff provide breakfast and a range of engaging activities for the children to enjoy.

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PARTNERS IN LEARNING

As partners in learning, we are committed to each child and their family. We use a variety of methods to stay in close communication with parents and carers, such as workshops, consultation meetings, newsletters, open door events and even virtual events. Our parents support their child in continued learning at home; focusing on developing foundation skills such as nurturing a passion for reading a wide range of books, comprehension skills, number and tables knowledge, phonics and spellings, as well as enrichment activities at home.

Parents, carers, grandparents and family members are invaluable members of our learning community, and we are keen to include their experiences, skills and talents into an ever enriching curriculum. We are grateful to our team of volunteer parents for their help in class, around the school, or out and about. Our busy PTFA work enthusiastically to raise funds and support what we do in school.





NURTURING OUR NEW CITIZENS

Ultimately, our curriculum endeavours to develop each child's sense of place and identity in an ever changing world. We aim to equip them with the skills and attitudes to not only survive, but flourish and excel as local.... national....and global citizens within 'a culture based on Gospel values'. (from our Mission Statement)

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- SCHOOL ELECTIONS
- EXPLORING BRITISH VALUES
- HOUSE CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS
- APPLICATION FOR CHAPLAINCY TEAM
- PUPIL BUDDY SYSTEM
- LOCAL LIBRARY TRIPS
- FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS AND PACKING
- SUPPORTING THE PARISH
- CARE FOR OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

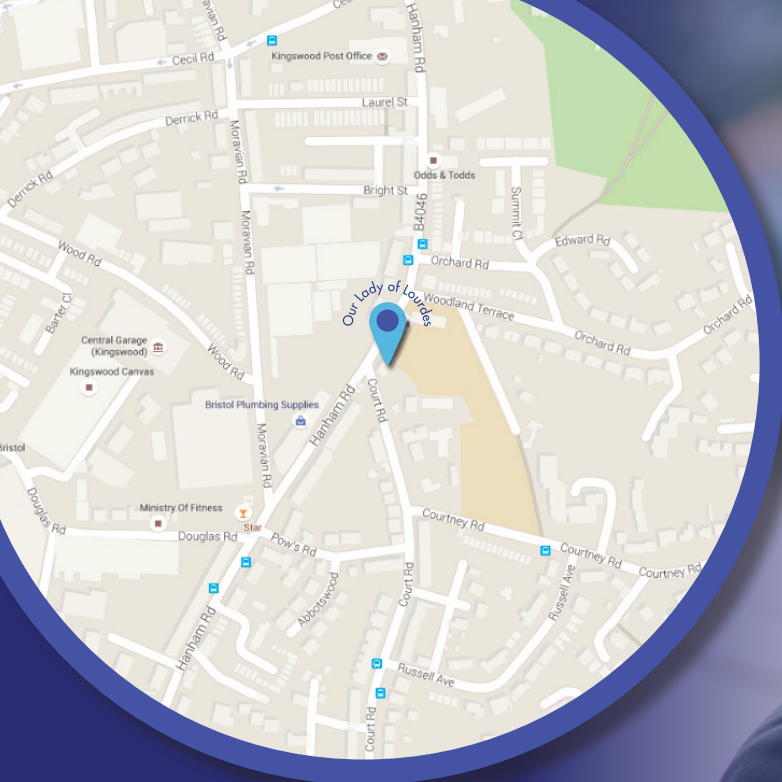
Our intention is to enable every child to reach their individual potential. We aim to meet the specific needs of each of our learners, including those who may need support with particular aspects of learning. Through quality teaching and appropriate challenge for all; our children can begin to 'journey beyond their expectations.' (from our Mission Statement)

We are an inclusive learning community who embrace the diversity that makes up our school. We recognise and celebrate our 'cultural capital' as a vital foundation to all our learning. We celebrate our uniqueness as well as explore similarities - promoting mutual respect and value for all.



"The school has a real community feel, where all of the children know each other by their first name and all children's achievements, both inside and outside of school, are celebrated."

PARENT



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