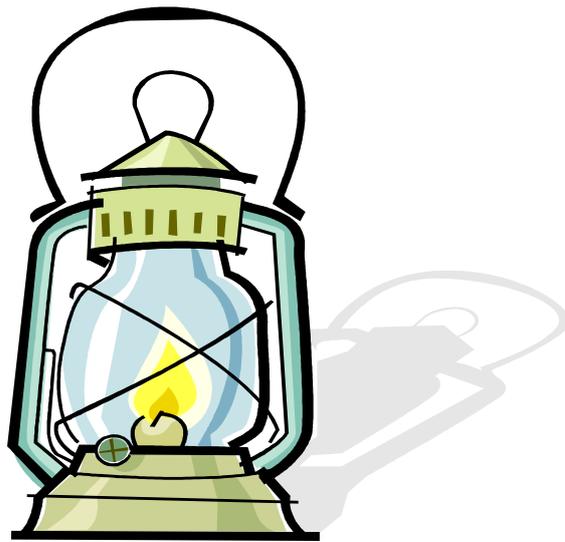




INFORMATION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS



Summer 2016



“Shine like a lantern in the presence of the Lord.”

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A NOTE OF WELCOME

Dear Family

On behalf of all the staff and children I would like to welcome you to St Bede's Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

If your child is to join us soon we hope that this will be the beginning of a very happy time for your family. If you already have a child at the school, we are pleased to renew your acquaintance.

At St Bede's, we can assure you that your child will share in a caring community based on the example of Christ Himself. Your child will be welcomed by a dedicated staff who will endeavour to provide opportunities for your child to reach their full potential.

This information booklet tells you a great deal about our school but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Our school looks forward to your support, co-operation and loyalty in sharing the Christian education of your child so that their time spent at St Bede's is a rich and unique experience.

Yours sincerely

Gary Nott

Gary Nott
Headteacher

STAFFING

Each Reception class has one teacher and Learning Assistant support. We welcome parent helpers. All parent helpers require a DBS check to comply with safeguarding requirements. Please see the office staff for more information.

SCHOOL HOURS

8.50am-3.15pm

Lunch – children start eating at 11.30am. They go out onto the playground for lunchtime play when they finish eating. Lunch time finishes at 1pm.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The parents are invited to come and help in school on a regular basis. They have opportunities to join as a group leader when trips are arranged. The parents are invited to their child's assemblies; to join the Parents' Association (the School's parental fund raising association) who host such events as a Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fayre. Where children did not attend St. Bede's Nursery they are visited at home by their teacher and a Learning Assistant so that information can be shared. This will occur in the week before they start school.

The children take home a reading book once a week and words are introduced when each child is ready. Parents are asked to support their child in their learning and write any comment in the child's record book. Each child has a target for literacy and numeracy.

All parents are given a copy of the weekly "Lantern" newsletter from the Headteacher. It is also available to view on the school website. The "Lantern" will provide you with information about forthcoming events and also of any matters of interest.

Parents are expected to help children with their weekly homework task and reading for 10 minutes every night.

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

The change from home to school can be difficult for some children. If you as parents can prepare your child for this change you will be sending us a confident, independent and happy child! Below are some ways in which you can help. If you have not already done so, establishing a routine which includes a regular bedtime is a good beginning.

Basic skills which we wish children to have acquired before starting school

- dress and undress themselves – children must have shoes with Velcro fastenings (not laces)
- put on and zip up their coats
- recognise their own name
- use the toilet, flush the chain, wipe themselves and wash hands
- tidy up
- use a knife and fork
- use a tissue or handkerchief

Home/School Partnership

The home is an extension of the school and is the place to develop self-discipline, morals, attitudes, concepts in maths, a love of books and knowledge of the world. We can be more successful if we work together and we want to work in partnership with you to support your child developing into life-long learners!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Language - at home

1. Conversation is important, talk about outings, the weather, everyday happenings, TV programmes and books.
2. Read to your child, introduce them to the wonder and joy of stories. Talk about the pictures, ask what do they think will happen next. Show them how to use a book and take care of it. Visiting the library regularly.

3. Make your own books from scrapbooks. Use photos of the family, with sentences underneath, e.g. This is Mummy. Daddy is in the garden. Cut out pictures from magazines and catalogues. Make holiday scrapbooks.

The first books encountered at school will be picture books which tell a story (your child will be able to bring this home to share with you). They will be asked to talk about the story, sequence events and have opinions as to what might happen next or what should have happened. At this time the teacher will be introducing phonics using the Letters and Sounds Scheme supported by “Jolly Phonics”. When ready, they will begin reading books with words – they will begin reading by combining their phonics knowledge with their ability to predict by using picture cues. Parents are encouraged to help their child every evening to increase their speaking and listening and reading skills.

Writing - at home

1. Use large pencils, crayons and brushes. Work on cheap materials, e.g. scrap paper, cereal boxes. Let your child experiment, encourage them to make things, allow them to use scissors.
2. If they show an interest in writing, encourage them to try to form letters.
3. Do not write in capitals. The only capital letter they should use is the one at the beginning of their name.

There are words all around your child, and their attention will be drawn to them. Flashcards are used for introducing words and each child creates their own news book. The teacher teaches letter formation and your child will practice by using simple pictorial and pattern shapes. Allowing your child to do lots of drawing and colouring will increase their fine motor control.

Maths - at home

1. During the daily routine allow your child to help you by sorting, matching and counting clothes, socks, toys, puzzles, etc.
2. Do more than just count parrot fashion, use the numbers, ask them for two socks or four spoons.
3. The kitchen is an ideal place for your child to learn, so let them help with cooking and clearing up.
4. Shopping is another opportunity to learn colour, texture and to count i.e. take three big apples or two small tomatoes.
5. Play with puzzles and board games.

At first your child will work with objects to build concepts of numbers to ten. The language of problem solving, reasoning and numeracy is developed through practical activities in all areas of the classroom. The children will be given a weekly maths homework activity to consolidate learning in school. This will not happen until after half term and will usually be of a practical nature.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Since September 2008, it has been a legal requirement for all Early Years Providers to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS). The documents set the standards for the learning, development and care for children from birth to five. A new revised, Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was implemented in all Early Years settings from September 2012.

The EYFS seeks to provide:

- **quality and consistency** in all early years settings, so that every child makes good progress and no child gets left behind;
- **a secure foundation** through learning and development opportunities which are planned around the needs and interests of each individual child and are assessed and reviewed regularly;
- **partnership working** between practitioners and with parents and/or carers;
- **equality of opportunity** and anti-discriminatory practice, ensuring that every child is included and supported.

The aim of the EYFS is to:

- **set Standards** for learning development and care that a child should experience when they are outside the family home
- **provide Equal Opportunities** so that no child is disadvantaged because of ethnicity, culture, religion, home language, family background, learning difficulties or disabilities, gender or ability

- **create Partnership** between professionals, parents and all settings attended by each child
- **improve quality and consistency** by providing a set of standards which apply to all settings which will be used as a basis for inspection
- **lay a secure foundation for future learning** through learning and development which is planned around individual needs and interests of children.

Positive attitudes and dispositions towards their learning are fostered. In particular, an enthusiasm for knowledge and learning, a confidence in their ability to be successful learners.

Social skills are promoted in particular by providing opportunities that enable children to learn how to co-operate and work harmoniously alongside, and with, each other and to listen to each other.

Their attention skills and general persistence is encouraged by giving them time to concentrate on their own play or on group tasks.

Areas of Learning

Prime Areas:

1. **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Making relationships, Self-confidence and self-awareness and Managing feelings and behaviour.
2. **Physical Development:** Moving and handling and Health and self-care.
3. **Communication and Language:** Listening and attention, Understanding and Speaking

Specific Areas:

4. **Literacy:** Reading and Writing
5. **Mathematics:** Numbers and Shape, space and measure
6. **Understanding the World:** People and communities, the world and Technology
7. **Expressive Arts and Design:** Exploring and using media and materials and Being imaginative

Each area of learning has a list of statutory early learning goals. They provide the basis of planning throughout the EYFS. Children will be provided with experiences and opportunities to help them reach these 17 Early Learning goals. Their achievements will be discussed with parents during the Autumn and Spring consultation sessions.

For more information about the curriculum, please refer to the Early Years Foundation Stage Policy. You can access this via the school website or ask for a copy at the school office.

Religious Education

Religious Education is an important area that is planned for.

We follow the Diocesan programme of study called 'Come and See'. This comprises of nine topics in the year which last one month each. We share aspects of the programme through prayer, discussion, story, drama, role-play, art and a written response. They are encouraged to make up their own prayers and to join in with songs on a religious theme. At Christmas time the children perform a short Nativity as their first assembly. We have an Early Years Foundation Stage Liturgy each week and this has a theme that is based on our faith values. Each class leads two assemblies per year. Parents and relatives are invited into school to join in these celebrations.

Classroom Management

At St. Bede's we have two Reception classes with an intake of 30 children in each class. Your child is provisionally placed on roll in one Reception class for September. We want to ensure that the children are happy, settled and making progress in their classes.

In September 2014, we had a rise in the number of children on roll who do not attend St Bede's Nursery. Therefore as the children settle into the routines and begin to make friends in their year group, we sometimes find that it is best practice to move pupils from one Reception class to another, to ensure that pupils are settled and are making progress. We will inform parents of this decision before any change takes place.

The Reception classrooms are set out in curriculum areas: the book corner, the writing area; the construction area; the art area; the maths area; the wet play area; the role play area and the outdoor area. The children enjoy time to initiate their own activities.

The resources in the book corner, role play area, wet area, art area and outdoor area changes frequently i.e. the books according to the topic; the role play has a theme that changes; the art area concentrates on

different materials and skills; and wet play and sand has different tasks which means a change in equipment. The children are at times directed to these areas but at other times are free to use the equipment. The equipment is clearly and pictorially labelled to help the child return equipment to its rightful place. There is enough seating for about twenty children, so only two-thirds of the children would ever be seated at a table at one time.

Children are encouraged to be responsible for their own belongings and also for the class equipment. There is a routine whereby the children have turns to be line leaders, class helpers and fruit helpers.

Children are organised in groups by the end of the first half-term and they have a group name which is helpful to them and to the teacher, especially supply teachers and visitors.

Curriculum Topics

Each half term there is a new topic, through which the staff deliver the Early Learning Goals.

A curriculum information sheet on the topics to be covered in class is displayed on the school website.

Assessments

Assessment is part of everyday practice and is not seen by the child as a test. The majority of assessments made in the Early Years Foundation Stage are in the form of observations which are used to plan for future learning experiences.

It is the policy of the school that all parents are invited to see the class teacher in the Autumn and Spring term to discuss the progress of their child. An appointment will be made to speak to the class teacher. In the summer term written report is issued. Parents are welcome to discuss their child's written report with the class teacher if they wish to do so.

Homework

A weekly class newsletter is sent home during the first half term. From the second half term onwards practical homework tasks are set to reinforce learning that has taken place that week. Children bring their homework in to share with the class teacher the following week. Termly projects are also set and centred on the topic being taught in class.

Lunchtime Supervision

From September 2014 all Reception children were entitled to Free School Meals. Further information regarding this will be available at the Reception Parents' Information meeting.

Children are supervised at lunchtime by Learning Assistants who will make reception teachers aware of any problems or difficulties which may arise during this period. Every effort is made to help the children feel secure and happy at lunchtime. We also have a scheme whereby Year 6 Prefects give up their time to support younger children during playtime.

Rules and Expectations

In Reception the School rules are introduced through the class rules which are appropriate for the age and stage of development of the children. There are class rules displayed on the wall and are referred to during circle time, prayer time or when necessary during the day. The class rules are:

- We are kind to each other
- We keep our classroom tidy
- We use quiet voices
- We take turns and share
- We always walk in our classroom
- We listen to our teacher and each other.

They understand what each rule means and delivering this understanding is part of a regular routine under the heading of 'Make our class a happy place'

Our aim in class is that...

- Adults in class will be positive role models
- Positive behaviour will be praised and rewarded
- Negative behaviour will be treated appropriately and with sensitivity

- Explanations will always be given

We believe that all children should be treated fairly. If a child displays anti-social behaviour e.g. biting/kicking, these are the steps that we would take to discourage this.

- Talk to the child/children positively but firmly eg “I don’t like it when you....”
- Distract the child and encourage them to participate in another or the same activity with support
- Time out – sitting to one side with the adult and watching positive behaviour

Sharing – A large proportion of the time children are expected to share space, equipment or games. We always say they have to wait if there is no room to play and ask the children playing to either include the child immediately or as soon as possible. There are routines like having line leaders and fruit/register monitors and this trains them to take turns and be responsible.

Rewards – These may be in the form of stickers, stamps on work, verbal praise individually or as a group or a celebration of their efforts by making an instant display of their work i.e. by hanging the work on the line. The children collect lanterns for working hard and for positive behaviour and conduct in school. When they receive 10 lanterns they are rewarded with a Lantern certificate in assembly from our Headteacher, Mr Nott. We monitor behaviour by using a “traffic light system”. Each child’s name peg is put on the “green light” in the morning and depending on their behaviour either remains on the green light or is moved to the amber or red light. If their behaviour is not at the expected level, they may miss 5 minutes of their playtime for an instant reward children are aiming to reach the gold star by the end of the day to be given a special sticker.

For further information please refer to the Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

Uniform

1. Please find our uniform list at the back of this document. We value a strict uniform policy highly at our school. Consistency with uniform allows pupils to concentrate on their learning without the distraction of wearing clothes, hairstyles etc which separates them from their peers. It also provides all pupils with a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

All parents/carers pupils are expected to give their full unreserved and positive support for the uniform policy of our school.

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed (clothes and hair) in accordance with our school uniform policy.

2. All clothing, shoes and PE bags should be clearly labelled. PE shirts and shorts must have the name sewn on the outside, on the left hand side at the front of the garment.
3. Black, slip-on plimsolls are necessary for PE lessons, not trainers.
4. Girls who wear tights need to have a pair of socks for PE.
5. Please provide spare socks and underwear which are labelled, in PE bags, in case your child has an accident and needs to change.
6. Spare underwear should be labelled with the child's name and kept in their PE bag.
7. We provide aprons for artwork during the children's Reception year.

The Induction Process

In the Summer Term the children, who will be starting reception in September, are invited to visit their new reception class during one morning. The reception class has a reduced number at these times to accommodate the Nursery visitors. If a child needs their parent/carer to stay then they should stay. Wherever possible the child will be in the care of the teacher they will have in September.

Parents are given an Information Pack in the Summer Term when they are invited to an information afternoon. The Headteacher, the Early Years Foundation Stage Standards Leader, the Educational Welfare Officer, the Health Advisor and the Chair of Governors will talk to the parents. Parents are given an opportunity to ask questions and meet the staff.

Home Visits to Non-St Bede's Nursery pupils (5, 6 or 7 September 2016)

Home visits for children who did not attend St Bede's Nursery are carried out.

Week 1 (8, 9 or 12 September 2016)

The children will begin their first session in school in small groups of 10 children on either Thursday 8 September, Friday 9 September or Monday 12 September 2016 during the morning (9.30am-12.30am) **ONE SESSION ONLY** (please see your induction pack for date of your child's session). This will allow time for the children to have an equal opportunity to get to know the class teacher, Learning assistant, class layout, equipment and expectations in a small group. For the first three days the children will come in for **one session only**. The children will come into school for their first session via the school office and they should be collected from the back gate via the church car park promptly at 12.30am.

13th-16th September 2016, all of the children will attend every morning between 08.50am and 12.30am. We encourage parents to say goodbye to their children at the door to the Reception classrooms (via the Reception wooden gate on the playground) in the morning and to pick up their children from the church car park gate (Bishops Avenue) promptly at 12.30am. The children can come into class from 08:50am in the morning and the register will be taken promptly at 09.00am.

The parent/carer can stay for as long as it seems necessary to settle their child in negotiation with the teacher.

Week 2 (week beginning Monday 19 September 2016)

From Thursday 19 September 2016 onwards the children will attend full time from 08.50am – 3.15pm. They will be dismissed from the front or back gate depending on parents' preference. They will independently come into class at the beginning of the day and be dismissed at the front or back gate depending on parents' preference.

Parents are permitted to bring their child to the Reception building gate for the first 2 weeks when they are part-time, but please encourage your child to walk across the playground to the Reception after that.

In extenuating circumstances, it may be decided that certain children will move classes. This could be for a range of reasons. Parents will be notified by the Reception Manager in the event of this happening.

Bags

The school book bag and PE bag can be purchased from one of our uniform outfitters (details listed at back of this document). The children's PE bag is the colour of the House they are in - St George (red); St Patrick (green); St Andrew (blue), and St David (yellow). Children in each family will be placed in the same house. There will be a letter in your induction pack informing you of the House your child will be in.

Money

1. Monies to pay for trips/activities should be placed in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class, nature of activity and amount enclosed. If paying by cheque, please put your child's name, class and nature of activity on the reverse.
2. We provide a daily drink of milk or water and fruit. We have joined the free fruit scheme run by the government and these are provided at no cost. We do request parents to donate £5 each term to cover cooking ingredients, play dough ingredients and additional snacks and drinks related to our topics and to develop photographs. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Absences

1. Parents are requested to contact the school office (extension 1) on the first day of absence.
2. A note explaining the reason for absence should be sent in with the child on their return to school, even when they are sent home during the school day. In the case of a long term absence a medical certificate is needed. If the school office does not receive a letter within a few days, your child's absence is recorded as unauthorised.
3. If a parent arrives late with their children, after 9.00 am they must then take their child to the school office and not knock on the classroom door.
4. Please try and make any medical appointments for your child outside of school time. If this is unavoidable, please inform the school in writing prior to your child's hospital or doctor's appointment.
5. Family holidays should be taken during school holidays. Any parent who wishes their child to be absent during term time should ask for a leave of absence form from the school office, in advance, explaining why leave cannot be taken during the normal school holidays. Parents who take their

children out of school for a holiday will be fined for doing so, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

6. If a child is going to be absent from school for a long period of time and unable to attend school at all (e.g. due to a broken leg or similar circumstances), a referral for home tuition can be made via the borough of residence. Please refer to the Attendance Policy or contact the school office in these circumstances.

General

1. Parents can decide which gate they will be collecting their child from and inform the class teacher in writing in case of a change. The class teachers will collect this information from the parents in September.
2. Parents are requested to make appointments through the school office if they wish to see a teacher. For safeguarding reasons, parents are requested **NOT** to enter the classroom uninvited.
3. The Headteacher will be pleased to see parents on any matter they wish to discuss and will be available in her office for this purpose. To avoid disappointment it is advisable to telephone for an appointment.
4. Any person entering the school premises **MUST** report to the school office.

Health

1. The school must have an emergency contact number so that you (or a relative) can be informed if your child is ill or involved in an accident at school. Please ensure that contact numbers are updated as and when necessary.
2. We must be informed of any serious allergies from which your child suffers.
3. No medicines can be given in school. However, asthma related equipment and epipens can be kept in the school office and the child's classroom with a label clearly stating the child's name and year group. A list of staff that are first aid trained can be obtained from the school office.
4. Children with streaming colds and sore throats should be kept at home in order to prevent the spread of germs.
5. A child who is not well enough to go out into the school playground with the other children is not well enough to be at school. Broken limbs are the exception and these special cases must be discussed with the Headteacher.
6. **WORMS** - tiredness and anal itching, particularly at night, are the main symptoms. Effective remedies are readily obtainable from doctors or chemists. Your co-operation in informing the school if your child contracts worms is appreciated, since it enables staff and parents to be extra vigilant.
7. **HEADLICE** - the same applies as to worms. It is because parents have been so co-operative that there has been no serious epidemic at this school.
8. **DOGS** are not permitted on the school grounds.

Travel

Written permission must be given by parents before any child may take part in a school outing or after school activity. The school is committed to the Borough Travel Plan and families are requested to walk to school once a week.

Security

1. Please do not approach another child in the school without permission from a member of staff.
2. The gate in Bishop's Avenue and the gate in Canon Avenue are always locked between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. Entrance to the school is via the front entrance in Canon Avenue.
3. At the beginning of the academic year parents are requested to complete a form indicating who they give permission to collect their child. No child will be released to anyone who is not on this list.
4. If your child is being collected by someone who is not on your permission list please put this information in writing to the class teacher prior to the arrangement taking place. No child will be released without this letter. If possible introduce the person to your child's class teacher.

Child Protection

All adults including parent helpers and School Governors are assessed by the Disclosure and Barring Service as to their suitability to work with children in school. The Headteacher is the named Child

Protection Co-ordinator, the Deputy Headteacher is the named Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinator, Father M O'Connor is the named Governor for Child Protection.

Inclusion

It is important for all children to experience a range of activities, irrespective of difference in race, gender, cultural background or physical disability. Appropriate attention is given to both boys and girls.

We promote racial equality and encourage, support and enable all children to reach their potential regardless of race or culture.

Our commitment to equal opportunities is reflected in the aims of our school. We offer equal access for every child to all subject areas in line with the new Primary Curriculum. Our planning and teaching must actively reflect an awareness of age, gender, ethnicity and ability across the year groups.

We foster an ethos of mutual respect and esteem for everyone in our community. As a staff, we strive to provide positive role models for the children in our care.

Children as Society's Future Leaders

You are the first educators of your child, and you will continue to support your child throughout their childhood. It is important that we, as adults, are good role models for our children as often it is not what we say, but what we do that makes the difference. All people, no matter what role they achieve, pass through a family of some kind and families can make a difference to our community and the wider world.

These lines from Kahlil Gibram may be an inspiration for you as you continue this incredibly important job of child rearing.

“You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves the bow that is stable.”

Set Prayers

Prayers are said at the beginning and end of each day and Grace before and after meals. Below are the set prayers used.

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father - Year 2

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary- Year 1

Hail Mary! full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us, sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Morning Prayer

O My God you love me
You're with me night and day
I want to love you always

In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you, Father
Bless me through the day. Amen

Night Prayer

God Our Father, I come to say
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light. Amen.

Grace before Meals

Bless us, O God, as we sit together,
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us, O God. Amen.

Grace after Meals

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.
Thank you, God, for all our friends,
Thank you, God, for everything.
Thank you, God, Amen.

Act of Sorrow - Year 3

O my God, I thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for all my sins,
for not loving others and not loving you.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.
Amen.

St Bede's School Uniform List

WINTER UNIFORM – September to Easter Break	
BOYS	GIRLS
<p>Infants (Rec, Years 1 and 2) Short sleeved white shirt (compulsory for Reception) Short or long-sleeved white shirt (from Year 1) Elasticated school tie (Reception and Year 1) Non-elasticated school tie (from Year 2) Mid-grey long trousers without turn ups Plain royal blue v neck jumper</p> <p>Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Short or long-sleeved white shirt) Mid-grey long trousers without turn ups Plain royal blue v neck jumper Non-elasticated school tie</p> <p>All Year Groups Plain, navy coat – without logos or plain navy coat with school logo (available from Rupens) – fur around the hood is permitted Plain, navy waterproof jackets – without logos No fleeces of any kind should be worn on their own Grey socks Completely flat, plain, black shoes with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations* Woollen hats, scarves and gloves plain royal blue</p>	<p>Infants (Rec, Years 1 and 2) Short sleeve white blouse (compulsory for Reception) Short or long-sleeved white blouse (from Year 1) Plain mid-grey pinafore with knife pleats, drop waist Plain royal blue cardigan/v neck pullover Elasticated school tie (Reception and Year 1) Non-elasticated school tie (from Year 2)</p> <p>Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Plain mid-grey box pleat knee length skirt Short or long-sleeved white blouse Plain royal blue cardigan/v neck pullover. Non-elasticated school tie</p> <p>All Year Groups Plain, navy coat – without logos or plain navy coat with school logo (available from Rupens) – fur around the hood is permitted Plain, navy waterproof jacket– without logos No fleeces of any kind should be worn on their own Completely flat, plain, black shoes with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations* White knee high socks or grey/white tights Woollen hats, scarves and gloves plain royal blue hairbands, ribbons – plain white, royal or navy blue. No beads are permitted in any part of the hair</p>
SUMMER UNIFORM – Easter Break to end of Summer Term	
BOYS	GIRLS
<p>All Year Groups White Polo Shirt with School logo badge Mid-grey trousers or shorts without turn ups Black closed-in sandal or completely flat, plain black shoes with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations* Royal blue caps Grey socks Completely flat, plain, black shoes with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations* Woollen hats, scarves and gloves plain royal blue</p>	<p>Infants (Rec, Years 1 and 2) Summer Dress – ‘A’ line royal blue and white striped dress, buttoned/zipped to the waist only</p> <p>Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Choice of: white, open necked, short sleeved blouse with mid-grey box pleat knee length skirt or Summer Dress detailed above Black closed-in sandal or completely flat, plain black shoes with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations * White knee high or ankle socks or grey/white tights Royal blue caps Hairbands, ribbons – plain white, royal or navy blue. No beads are permitted in any part of the hair</p>
Optional Royal Blue Blazer with School logo badge may be worn throughout the academic year	
PE BOYS AND GIRLS	
<p>Plain white round necked T-shirt (name tape/label sewn on the outside top left of chest) Plain royal blue shorts (name tape/label outside bottom left of leg) Black plimsolls – labelled Trainers (any style) must be worn for games outside Optional royal blue tracksuit for outdoor PE – name tape/label outside top left of chest or outside bottom left of leg It is not school policy to wear tights or jumpers for PE if the weather is cold PE bag in house colour: St Andrew's – royal blue, St George's – red, St Patrick's – green, St David's – yellow Spare socks and underwear (name tape/label)</p> <p>In addition a uniform book bag to be purchased. Reception and Nursery pupils should only have a book bag with a Velcro fastening as they find it too difficult to open the larger ones with plastic toggle fastenings No accessories or stickers permitted on the uniform book bag or lunch boxes No jewellery (including earrings) but watches can be worn from Year 3 No make-up (including nail varnish/false nails)</p> <p>In order to avoid confusion and to keep Lost Property to a minimum, all items of clothing, P.E. kit, bags etc, MUST be clearly labelled with name tapes sewn in</p> <p>ALL UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE FROM LUCILLA'S, CRANBROOK ROAD or RUPENS, MEADS LANE or may be purchased from any other store as long as it is exactly the same style as the one sold at the recommended shops</p> <p>Unusual (e.g. tram lines/steps/stripes/motifs/ Mohawks/ Mohicans etc) hairstyles including coloured extensions are not acceptable. No beads are permitted in any part of the hair. Hair that is long enough (boys and girls) must be tied back at all times.</p> <p>*In Reception and Year 1 shoes with Velcro fastenings are strongly recommended. From Year 2 children can wear shoes with buckles and laces. Please ensure that your children have lace up shoes only if they can tie them up themselves.</p>	

If any aspect of a child's uniform (clothes or hair) does not comply, a polite reminder is sent home. If the problem is not rectified by the parent, the child will be taught in isolation until it is. The school decides what is acceptable or not.

RECEPTION 2016 INDUCTION

Date(s)	Relevant Pupils	
5, 6 or 7 September 2016	Home visit only for pupils who did not attend St Bede's Nursery and are new to the school	Time and date to be notified in information pack available at Reception Parents' meeting.
8, 9 OR 12 September 2016	One starting session. 10 pupils per session (per class) as notified in information pack available at Reception Parents' meeting Morning session 9.30am-12.30am	One session only as notified. Please arrive via the School Office in Canon Avenue and depart via the back gate (church car park, Bishops Avenue exit).
13-16 September 2016	All pupils Attend from 8.50am to 12.30pm	Please arrive via Canon Avenue main school pupil entrance and depart from back gate (church car park, Bishops Avenue exit). Please collect promptly at 12.30pm.
From 19 September 2016 onwards	All pupils Full time, 8.50am to 3.15pm	

RECEPTION WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 15 September 2016 2pm in Reception B classroom	Early Years Foundation Stage workshop and supporting your children in Reception.
Thursday 22 September 2016 6pm in the school hall	Phonics and Early Reading/Bug Club – how to help your child get off to a good start with their reading/an insight into how we teach reading at school.
Thursday 29 September 2016 6pm in the school hall	Split into two sections – Helping your child get off to a good start with their writing/an insight into how we teach writing at school. Making maths fun, a helpful guide to support your child's maths development at home/an insight into how we teach maths at school.