## St John Bosco RC Primary School

Caring for each other as we Live Learn and grow in God's Love

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# NEW TO NURSERY INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES JUNE 2021





## **Meet the Team**

Mrs Peart Headteacher

Mr Roddy Deputy Headteacher







Mrs Mason School Business Manager



Mrs Conlon Administrator



Mrs Muldowney
Reception Teacher,
EYFS Leader



Mrs Adams (Miss Pears) Nursery Teacher



Miss Kelly Nursery Nurse



Miss Mills Nursery Nurse

### St John Bosco EYFS Unit

Safe, secure, nurturing setting



Holistic development
- educational and
social skills

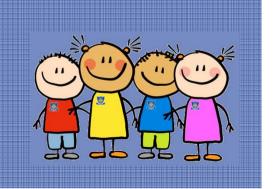
Meeting the needs of each individual child





Clear and consistent rules and boundaries





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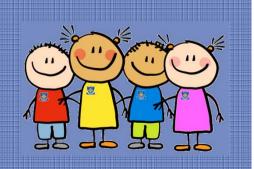






A nurturing, language rich environment carefully planned to encourage independence, awe, wonder and enjoyment



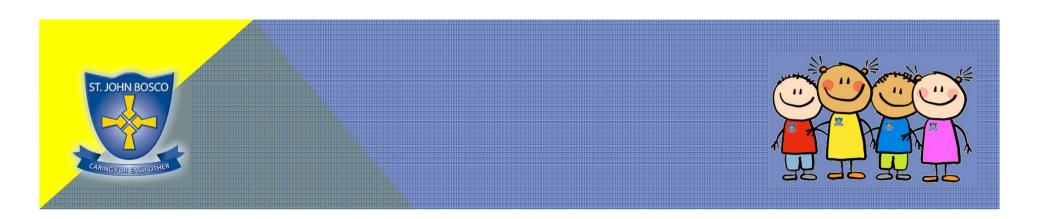


## Our Learning in the EYFS

Play is at the centre of the Early Years Curriculum.

It is a child's work.

- We recognise that children learn best when given the time and space to play and explore through first-hand experiences.
- The curriculum covers from birth to age 5, used nationally in early years settings.
- Staff work together as a team and plan for children's learning and development ensuring that all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum are covered within an interesting, stimulating and supportive environment. This can be both indoors and outdoors.
- Children are taught directly and also have a choice of planned activities so that they continue to develop independent learning habits.



## The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The EYFS Curriculum has been revised for September 2021.

It still consists of three Prime areas and four Specific areas of learning and development, which together make up the skills, knowledge and experiences appropriate for children as they grow, learn and develop. These are:

Prime Areas	Specific Areas	Characteristics of Effective Learning
Communication and Language	Literacy	Playing and exploring –
★ Listening, Attention &	★ Comprehension	engagement
Understanding	★ Word Reading	★ Finding out and exploring
★ Speaking	★ Writing	★ Playing with what they know
		* Being willing to 'have a go'
Personal, Social and Emotional	Mathematics	
Development -	* Number	Active learning –
★ Self-Regulation	★ Numerical Patterns	* Motivation
* Managing self		★ Being involved and
★ Building Relationships	Understanding of the world	concentrating
	★ Past & Present	★ Keeping trying
Physical Development	★ People, Culture & Communities	<ul> <li>Enjoying achieving what they set</li> </ul>
★ Gross Motor Skills	★ The Natural World	out to do
★ Fine Motor Skills		
	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating and thinking critically –
	★ Creating with Materials	thinking
	★ Being Imaginative and	* Having their own ideas
	Expressive	★ Making links
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#### **Assessment**

 Throughout the Foundation Stage we constantly observe, assess and record children's progress. This enables us to plan and provide activities relevant to each child so as to maximise learning.

 Photographs of your child's actions or achievements, quotations from discussions with your child or evidence of tracings and mark making activities, all inform the observations made.

My Proud Cloud

 Parents are encouraged to take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio Through 'Parent Share' on 'Evidence Me' app. We will also provide 'Proud Clouds' to support with.



## Safeguarding



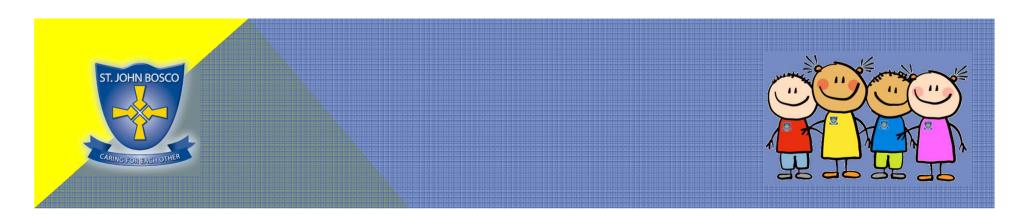




We are a safe school. In line with our safeguarding policy photographs/videos are not permitted to be taken on school premises at any time.

## By the End of the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception)...

- Children are assessed as 'Emerging' or 'Expected' in relation to the 17 Early Learning Goals.
- As well as assessing children against the 17 ELGs we also assess and report on the 3 Characteristics of Effective Learning. This makes up the EYFS Profile.
- Work evidenced, must come from children applying their new knowledge and understanding from directed learning activities, in their own child-initiated activities.



## **Special Educational Needs**

- Through our daily observations children with a special educational need are identified at an early stage. Strategies are developed between the teacher and the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) Mrs Gray to address the concerns.
- Partnerships with outside agencies such a Speech Therapists and Educational Psychologists will be developed if required. The earlier such concerns are addressed the greater chance of meeting the child's needs at an early age.



Please inform us of any specialists currently involved with your child or if you would like a referral to be made.

## **Uniform**

- Royal blue sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt/ pinafore/school trousers
- Black school shoes that your child can manage independently
- School Reading Folder for reading books, letters and 'Weekend Work'.

School uniform with the school logo can be purchased from:



High Street West, Sunderland



Crowther Industrial Estate, Washington www.theschooloutfit.co.uk



Please ensure <u>ALL</u> items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name



## P.E. Kit

- White t-shirt
- Navy/Royal blue shorts
- Navy Joggers (for cooler weather)
- Black sand shoes

(P.E Kit with the school logo can also be purchased from Little Gems)



Children will do P.E. on a <u>Wednesday</u>. They will need to come to Nursery wearing their P.E kit.



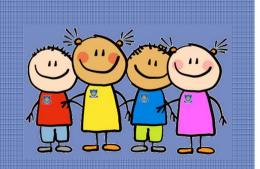


#### Children will also need:

- A warm waterproof coat <u>every day</u>
- Hat/scarf/gloves or sun hat/sunscreen depending on the weather
- Sensible shoes not crocs, high heels or open toed sandals. If possible avoid laces.
- A labelled water bottle
- A full change of clothes in a small backpack
- A pair of wellies



Please ensure <u>ALL</u> items of clothing and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name



## **Home-School Communication**

#### How you can keep in touch with us:

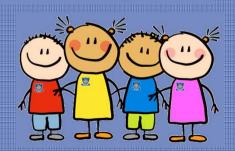
 Pass messages on to the member of staff on Early Years gate at drop off and collection times.

Share a 'Proud Cloud' of your child's achievements

Send a message through 'Evidence Me'

- Appointments before and after school
- Messages via the school office
- Telephone 0191 5368090





My Proud Cloud

## **Home-School Communication**

#### How we will keep in touch with you:

- Letters in Reading Folders (please check daily)
- Messages via a member of staff at home time
- Twitter
- Text message service
- Newsletters
- Notices in the window
- Parent's Evenings
- Target cards





Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details



## **Punctuality & Attendance**

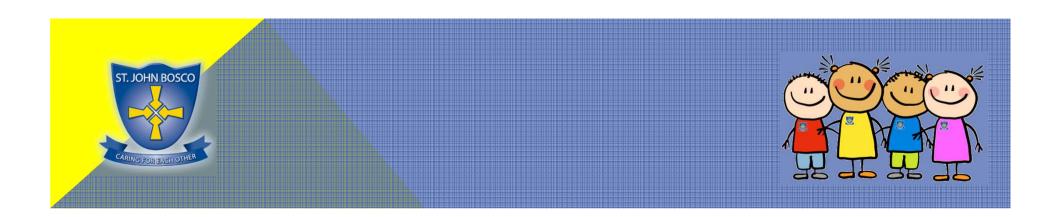
#### Lateness

The children's learning starts immediately. Children who are late will miss out on vital knowledge.

Please make sure your child is at school on time – if you are late you will need to go to the office to ensure your child receives their mark in the Register.

#### **Attendance**

If your child is absent from Nursery please telephone us, on 0191 5368090, to tell us. Also please speak to your child's teacher when they return.



## Illness

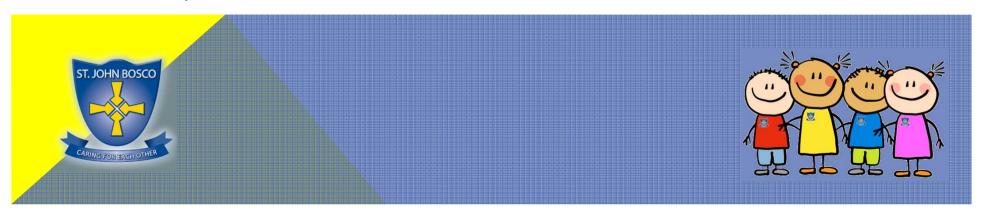
We want you to send your child to nursery every day but if your child is really unwell then they will need to stay at home. If your child is just 'out of sorts' it's better to bring them in and we will get in touch with you if they can't manage.

#### **Allergies**

Please ensure staff are aware of any allergies or sensitivities that your child has. Should an allergy develop once your child has already started at nursery you will need to notify the class teacher and update your child's records at the School Office immediately.

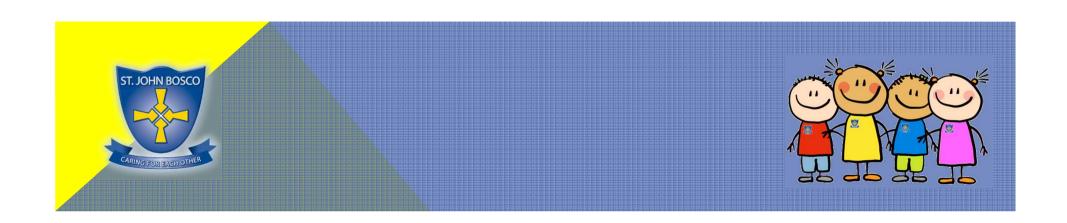
#### **Asthma**

If your child has asthma then we <u>must</u> have a prescribed, labelled inhaler and spacer to be kept with your child in nursery.



## **Session Changes**

Occasionally children will be invited to change sessions in order to participate in special occasions such as our Nativity, end of term Mass or other celebrations. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of these changes, by letter and by notices in the window.



## **Getting Ready**

- Talk to your child about the staff that they will meet and help them to become familiar with our names.
- If your child has not been left with other adults before, try and get them used to spending short periods of time without you.
- Have clear and consistent rules and routines at home to prepare your child for this at nursery.









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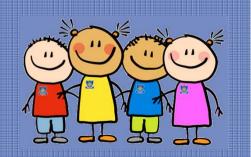
- Encourage your child to dress/undress themselves. Let them practise putting on/taking off their uniform and fastening/unfastening their coat on their own.
- Encourage your child to listen to others and to follow instructions. This will help him/her to benefit most from the rich curriculum on offer.
- Continue to talk, share books, sing songs/rhymes together and do lots of counting to encourage them to look for numbers and words in their environment.







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## Filling in Forms

 A copy of this information and additional forms will be sent out next week. Please complete and return them to school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.



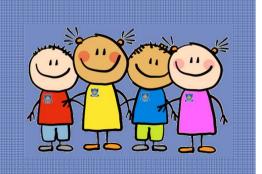
 Should your contact details change at any time please inform the school office immediately. Please also inform staff of any changes in family circumstances e.g. separation, new job, new baby etc. so that we can support your child's emotional wellbeing.



 Children will bring permission slips for experiences e.g. trips/ food tasting/ face painting at different times throughout the year. If forms are not returned by the deadline then your child will not be able to participate.



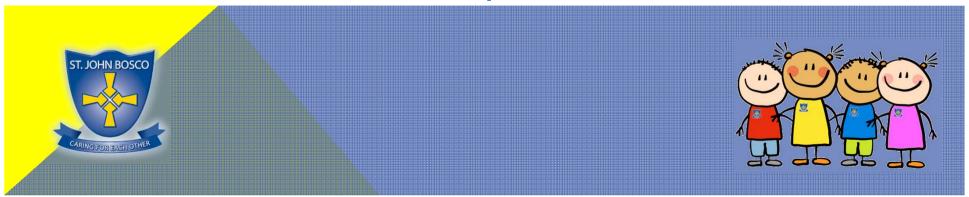




### **Invitations into School**

- Parents will be invited to attend a range of different EYFS
  curriculum workshops, which usually take place throughout the
  Autumn term. In these workshops we explain how we teach
  Phonics, Maths and Reading and Writing in school and what
  you can do to support your child's learning at home.
- Across the year, families are usually invited to join us in school for a range of occasions, such as Creative Curriculum days, Liturgies, Mass and fun days. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate together when these events are able to take place again safely.

Dates for all events will be published nearer the time.

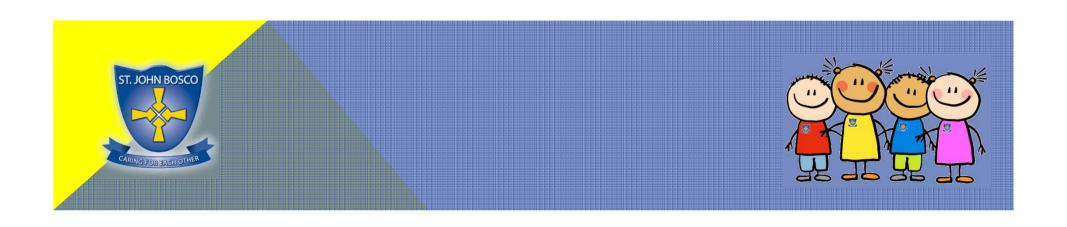


## **Transition Visits**

Short Visit 1 (Parent & Child)	Monday 13/09/21	Morning class - 9.30 – 10.30am/ Afternoon Class - 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Longer Visit 2 (Child Only)	Tuesday 14/09/21	Morning class - 9.00 – 11.00am/ Afternoon class - 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Longer Visit 3 (Child Only)	Wednesday 15/09/21	Morning class - 9.00 – 11.00am/ Afternoon class - 12.30pm – 2.30pm

#### Thursday 16th September 2021

Morning 8.45- 11.45am Afternoon 12.15pm -3.15pm



## Any questions? Please do not hesitate to get in touch 0191 5368090

