



# **ST ANTHONY'S**

## VC ACADEMY

Welcome to  
Foundation Stage



# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Loved by God,  
In our faith community,  
We live and learn together.  
We serve others as Jesus served.*

**Live, Learn, Serve**



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Dear Parents/carers,

We would like to welcome you to our school. We hope you and your child are looking forward to the new term and for some of you, starting with us in September.

This booklet is designed to introduce you to the Foundation Stage classroom and staff, as well as answer some questions we think you might have. Due to the current circumstances regarding the COVID pandemic, we are sad that your child has not been able to have a transition into school that would usually take place. This also means that there is some information still to come. When we have more definite information regarding September, please be assured that we will be in touch.

We have added a Transition to School 2020 page to our school website. Here you will find information about the Foundation Stage class, including a video tour.

We are looking forward to working together with yourself and your child so that we can live out our mission statement to live, learn and serve as Jesus did, in the knowledge of God's love for us all. It is important that we work together in this aim and so please do get in touch with us if you have any concerns or suggestions regarding your child's education.

Kind regards,

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# Our Classroom

Usually we would invite the children in to school to visit the classroom and see for themselves where they will be playing and learning. Unfortunately that is not possible this year. Please show these photos to your child to give them an idea of what our classroom looks like.



Home Corner

Construction Zone





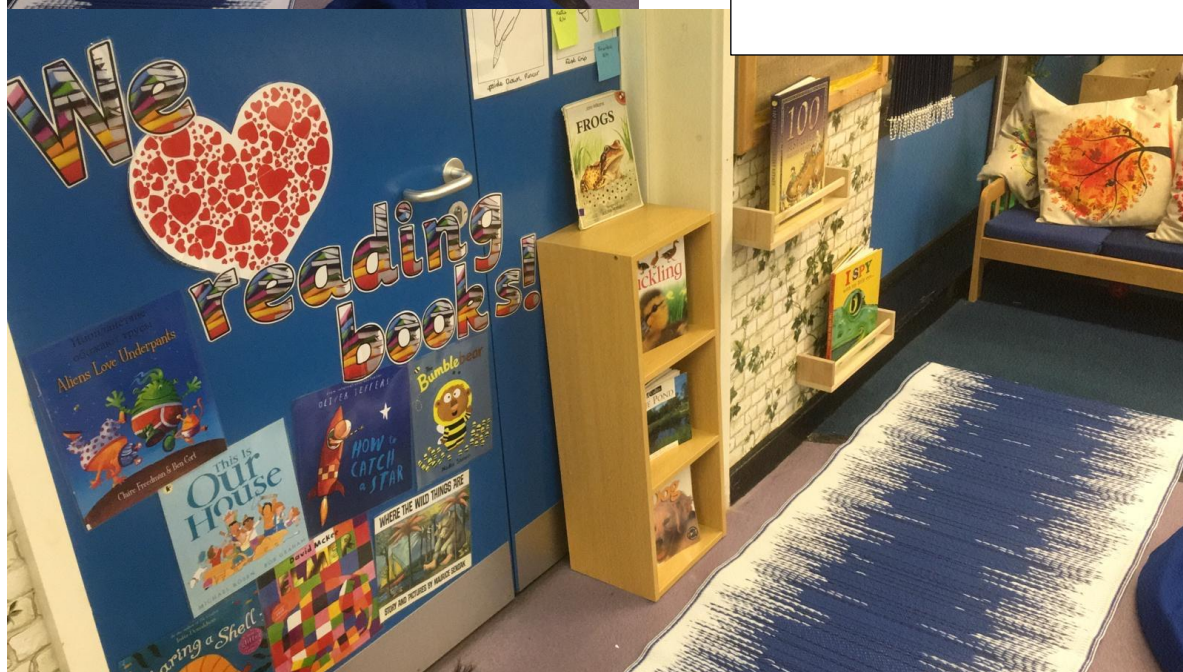
# Making and Painting Area










## Reading and Writing Areas





You will find a video tour of our classroom on the school website: Parents Zone, Transition to School 2020

# Meet the Staff

There are a number of adults who work in the Foundation Stage classroom. Here are the main staff members who will be working with your child.

 A portrait of Miss Buttrick, a woman with blonde hair in two buns, wearing a green patterned top. A small watermark "@ Tempest" is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.	 A portrait of Mr Barwick, a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a grey polo shirt. A small watermark "@ Tempest" is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.	 A portrait of Miss Martin, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow top. A small watermark "@ Tempest" is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.
<b>Miss Buttrick</b> Class teacher	<b>Mr Barwick</b> Foundation Stage Leader	<b>Miss Martin</b> Class teacher

 A portrait of Mrs Blyth, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a black top. A small watermark "@ Tempest" is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.	 A portrait of Miss Crawford, a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black top. A small watermark "@ Tempest" is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.
<b>Mrs Blyth</b> Teaching Assistant	<b>Miss Crawford</b> Teaching Assistant



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What should my child wear to school?

If your child is starting in FS2, they should wear school uniform. Uniform with the school badge can be bought from Rawcliffes Uniform shop in Hull City Centre.

Our uniform is royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan that carries the school logo in gold, gold polo shirts and royal blue fleeces. These should be worn with grey trousers/skirts.

If your child is in FS1, you can choose for them to wear school uniform or their own clothes. It is essential in both cases that your child is comfortable and does not wear expensive or delicate clothes to school as they are likely to get messy during the day. It is important that they are able to quickly remove their clothes to go to the toilet, so it is best to avoid complicated clothing with lots of tricky buttons.

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHES ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

## What will my child eat at lunchtime?

Menus are regularly sent out to parents. Meals currently cost £1.50 per day for FS1 and KS2 children and are very good value for money. School meals are cooked to order on a daily basis. All meals must be ordered by 9.40am so if your child has a medical appointment and they will be late, please contact the school office to book a lunch (01482 850286). You may wish your child to have a healthy pack-lunch instead. We encourage healthy pack-lunches and therefore ask you not to send crisps, sweets or chocolate. Fruit juice and water are allowed. No glass bottles or cans please. Please note that the school is unable to keep pack-ups chilled. They are kept on a trolley outside the classroom during the morning.

## Is my child entitled to Free School Meals?

All FS2 & KS1 children are entitled to a free meal. However, if you are in receipt of benefits e.g. Income Support, we would ask you to make/continue to make a claim through Client Service on 01482 300300 or by asking for an application form from the Admin Office. These claims are very important to the school as additional money is given to the school, which in turn benefits all the children at St Anthony's.

## What should I do if I have a concern about my child?

It is very important that we work together to support your child in his or her learning. If you have any questions or concerns about your child in school, then please speak to an adult in the class when dropping off or collecting at the end of the day. It is likely that they will ask you to wait a short while until they are able to speak to you alone. We can't promise to solve every problem immediately, but we will do all that we can to make sure your child is happy and supported at school.

## What will my child do during the day?

At St Anthony's we place a high emphasis on learning through play, with the child being the driving force of their own learning. This means that the learning that happens is led by the children's interests and learning styles.



A large part of the day is spent in the continuous provision which we sometimes call choosing time. There are lots of different areas, including a large outside space, that the children access during this time. Adults in the classroom guide the children to help them move forwards in their learning.

As well as the continuous provision, there are times during the day when we gather together in class groups on the carpet. These sessions focus on maths, phonics (learning to read and write) and RE. Each of these adult led sessions lasts approximately 10 - 20 minutes, depending on the age and attention span of the children.

### **What should I do if my child is ill and has to stay at home?**

Children who are sick should of course be kept at home. Any child who becomes ill during the course of the school day will be cared for, while we try to contact you and arrange for your child to be taken home. This is why it is essential that we always have at least two up-to-date contact numbers.

If your child is absent for any reason, please ensure that you inform the school, by telephone, **01482 850286** or via the school app which can be downloaded on to your mobile phone. Good attendance is important; the Government target for every child is a minimum of 95%. It is important to call the school to explain absences. We can authorise absences for appointments, illness and other special circumstances. We are unable to authorise absences due to holidays and illness (if you don't contact the school).

### **What should I do if my child needs medication during the school day?**

- Medicines will only be given in school if it is required four times a day and prescribed by a doctor.
- Exceptions: insulin, asthma inhalers or emergency medication for children with severe allergic reactions.
- Please speak to an adult in the class if you have any queries about medication.

Children who have asthma will keep their inhalers in their classroom. It is your responsibility to ensure that they are in date and available. We do keep an emergency inhaler in the school office. If your child's diagnosis or medication changes, please let us know.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**It is essential that we have an address and at least two telephone numbers where we can normally contact you or a person you have designated to take responsibility for your child during school hours. Please let us know immediately if your address or telephone number changes.**

### **Where can I find out more about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum?**

We have placed a number of documents on a special Transition to School 2020 section in the Parents Zone of our school website. We hope you find these useful.