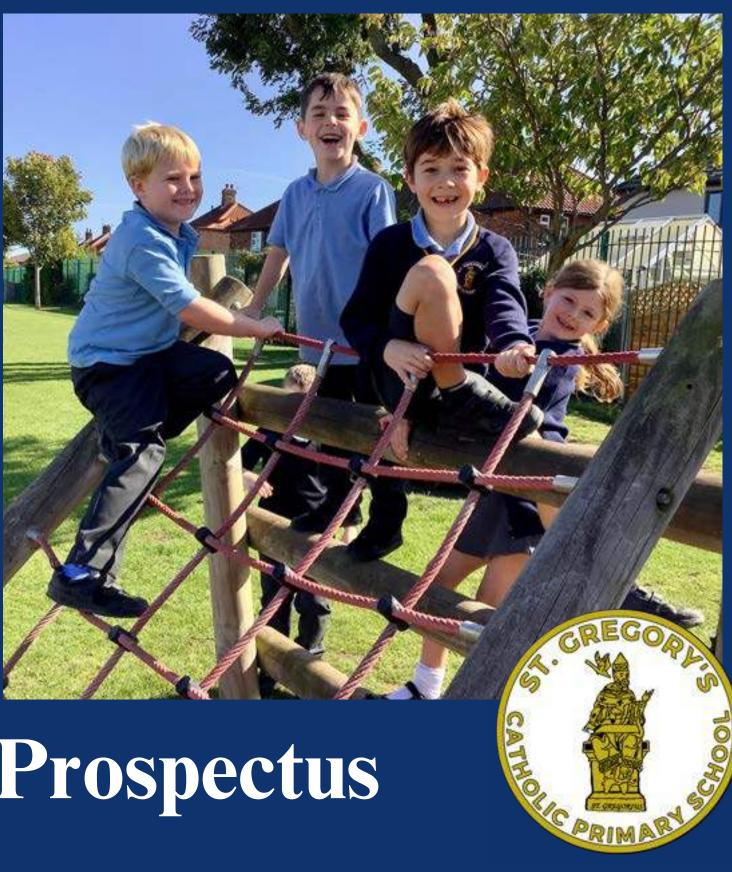
# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



Prospectus



### Welcome

#### We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best

We hope this is the beginning of a happy and rewarding experience, as your child embarks on their first steps of their educational journey.

Starting school is a new adventure. It is very important that the experience is of a warm and loving environment, where teachers and parents work together in harmony to promote effective learning. We believe strong links between home and school are vital to ensuring your child achieves their full potential.

We hope you find this brief prospectus useful more information can be found on our website, by following us on social media or contacting the school office.

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School is a vibrant, caring and happy school and I am very proud to be Headteacher.

At St. Gregory's we seek to promote the development of every child's personal wholeness, integrity, gifts and creativity in a welcoming and loving school community.

We are part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and are able to draw on their resources and expertise to support our provision of an excellent education for your child.

I look forward to meeting you and your child(ren) and sharing in your child's exciting education journey.

#### Miss E Shaughnessy Headteacher

At St. Gregory's our priority is the development of every child as a well-rounded individual in a welcoming and supportive school community. We do so in partnership with parents/carers and others who have the welfare of the child at heart.



# **Our Nursery**



Our brand new nursery opens September 2025



15 and 30 hour places available



We welcome children of all faiths and all beliefs





## **School Day**



It is important that all pupils are punctual for school and that your child attends school each day.

Our school day begins at 8.55 am. The yard is supervised from 8.45 am onwards and parents are kindly requested to drop children off at the gate when a member of staff is on duty. The day ends at 3.30 pm for all children.

A variety of after school clubs are on offer for example multi-sport, football, dance and show class. We work closely with South Tyneside Schools Sports Partnership to provide access to a wide range of sporting events.

### **Our Curriculum**

Pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learn in seven areas:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Pupils in Key Stages 1-2 study the following areas of the curriculum:

- Mathematics
- English
- Religious Education
- Science
- Computing
- Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Relationship and Health Education
- Modern Foreign Language



### **School Uniform**

The wearing of a school uniform gives pupils a sense of belonging to the school community and encourages high standards in presentation, this in turn impacts favourably on both behaviour and attitudes.

#### Our uniform consists of:

- Blue polo shirt or pale blue shirt
- Navy sweatshirt, tank top or cardigan (v neck)
- Grey skirt or school style grey trouser
- Black school shoes (not trainers)
- Tie

Please visit our website for more information on suggested suppliers. Preloved uniform is available please contact the school office.



Please ensure all items of clothing, including shoes, are clearly marked with you child's name.

### **Pastoral Support**

#### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

Some children in our school have been identified as having a special educational need or disability that may require additional support. If this is the case we will provide a personalised support plan and modify the national curriculum to make sure that all pupils are provided with relevant and appropriately challenging work at each key stage.

Our SEND Co-ordinator in school works in partnership with parents/carers, to ensure these needs are identified and plans developed to meet them.

Parents/carers will be fully informed and encouraged to be actively involved in a working partnership with School. We will liaise effectively with all outside agencies necessary to further address the needs of the child.



#### Safeguarding

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. We are a listening school and staff are trained in Safeguarding procedures. We have Designated Safeguarding Leads in school including our Headteacher. All school staff have undertaken training in safeguarding and child protection.

As a school we work closely with South Tyneside, and Clennell Education Solutions Safeguarding teams. We follow the guidance of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and working together to safeguard children. We regulary update our safeguarding procedures ensuring our school is a safe and secure environment for all. All staff are DBS checked before they can work in school.

## **Our Community**

#### **Our Parish**

Our school is an integral part of the Parish of St. Gregory's. We promote links with the Parish and the wider local community as well as regional, national and international partnerships.

The ability to worship is a key part of life in our school and we place great emphasis both on the teaching of RE and also involvement in worship and celebrating Mass with the whole school community.

Children of all faiths and beliefs are welcome to attend St. Gregory's.



#### **School and Parent Association (SAPA)**

SAPA are a hard-working and invaluable group of volunteers made up of parents, family members, staff and other individuals from our local community. They all share a common goal of supporting St. Gregory's and organise a range of fundraising events throughout the year. We would love you to get involved, please come and join us! To find out more email <a href="mailto:office@st-gregorys.co.uk">office@st-gregorys.co.uk</a>

#### **Family Support**

The support that families can offer children at home is invaluable and can make a huge difference to their progress. Children of all ages receive homework each week and are expected to complete this on time. Research has found that home reading has the greatest direct effect on performance in school, reading at home is absolutely crucial for all children. We are incredibly committed at St. Gregory's to ensuring every child leaves school with the ability to read.



### **Chadwick's Kitchen**



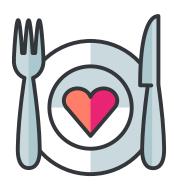
Our award winning in-house catering team Chadwick's Kitchen, provide catering services across the Trust.

We use fresh ingredients to prepare healthy and nutritionally balanced meals each day. The majority of our menus are homemade by our chefs in our kitchens.

Staff are trained to accommodate medical diets and work in partnership with parents to ensure these needs are met. As part of the Trust's commitment to sustainability, we regularly review food miles and continue to work to reduce food waste.

Parents/Carers can pay for school meals using Arbor.

Pupils also have the option to bring a packed lunch (nuts or nut-based products aren't permitted). Find out more: <a href="https://www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/">www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/</a>





### **Our Trust**

#### We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty five primary schools (16 have nursery provision).

The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations.

Find out more: <u>www.bccet.org.uk</u>



We have 30 schools in our Trust

11,495 pupils in our family of schools 1,338 staff in our Trust



Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust

