

St Francis Catholic Primary School

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**Together we are exploring our special gifts;
Together we are growing closer to God**

Dear candidates

Thank you for your interest in joining St Francis Catholic Primary School. I would like to give you an overview of our wonderful school so that you gain an insight into life at St Francis. However, I really recommend that you make the time to come and visit us, as it is only when you walk through the doors that you really get to know and feel what we're all about.

OUR VISION

***"You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do."
(Matthew 5:16)***

At St Francis, we welcome you as you are: a unique child of God, blessed with many special gifts waiting to be unwrapped. You and your family are joining our loving and vibrant school community; a community which feels like home and is excited to have you.

Each day will be an adventure; a new chance to shine. You will enjoy successes and face challenges. We will embrace all of this together, as a family. You will flourish in God's love and become the best you can possibly be. This is what you deserve.

You are important. You are wanted. You are loved.

OUR MISSION

"TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS; TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD."

CONTEXT

St Francis Catholic Primary School takes in children from the local Bradford parishes of Our Lady Immaculate & St. Francis, as well as Catholics from further afield. We also serve the neighbouring communities, which includes children from various socio-economic, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Approximately 65% of our children are baptised Catholics.

We are a one form entry school and have approximately 240 children on roll. We have an Early Years Foundation Unit where up to 26 children are admitted into our Nursery, either full time or as mornings/afternoons only and our admission numbers in Reception Class are 30. Our school is very popular in our local community. Year on year, we receive over a hundred applicants for our Reception Class. To meet the needs of our families, we operate our own wrap-around care through our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

St Francis is officially situated in Eccleshill but is very close to Undercliffe, Greengates and Idle. We are very blessed to have extensive grounds, of which we take advantage through our bespoke outdoor and adventure curriculum. But there is so much more we want to do with our outdoor area, so watch this space...!

OUR CATHOLIC ETHOS

We aim to provide a high quality Catholic education, in a safe, stimulating environment with a happy, purposeful, calm atmosphere where there is enjoyment and pride in individual and collective success.

St. Francis is a friendly, warm and welcoming place where, by ensuring a Catholic atmosphere and following the Gospel values shown to us by Jesus, we provide the opportunity for pupils to flourish and achieve their potential. We make it our mission every day to enable and empower every child to explore and develop their special gifts so that they grow alongside others as children of God.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Our St Francis curriculum is very important to us. We are passionate about designing our curriculum to meet the needs of all our children. Consequently, we are constantly evaluating, amending and refining it to ensure it engages our children and enables them to make progress not only in their learning but also in their character.

Providing a wealth of opportunities to everyone is something we are passionate about, which is why we strive to offer a wide range of extra curricular activities from archery to singing and from football to gardening. We are always looking for new pursuits for our children so that they stand the best chance of discovering their special gifts in their time with us.

OUR STAFF TEAM

As Headteacher at St Francis for five years, I am aspirational, creative and dynamic. I believe in innovation and I am driven and committed to working towards our school vision of enabling children to be the best they can possibly be. I am looking for a leader who is able to work strategically with me on this journey and is prepared to work as a team where togetherness and our Catholic ethos anchors us. Our SLT are passionate about the progress and outcomes that our children achieve and are working towards our school being a beacon of strong practice where we educate the whole child.

We are lucky to have a staff team full of professionals who are dedicated to our children and families. Being part of a team, in which everyone plays their part, is very important to us. We are very open, friendly and very supportive of each other. We have lots of fun, laughs and the occasional tear in pursuing our common aim of doing the best for all our children at all times. Our staff are unwavering in their pursuit of ensuring our children are safe, happy and learning.

OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

I have purposely saved the best till last! Our children are very special human beings who need and deserve the very best staff to bring out their full potential and find their special gifts. They are eager, inquisitive and bring all kinds of qualities and interests to the table, making St Francis the vibrant and exciting school it is, where pupils can dream big and work towards those dreams. Involving parents, carers and families in our children's education is very important to us. We know that through building strong partnerships and relationships with families, our children can really flourish in their learning and as human beings. We find every opportunity to invite families into school and be part of their learning journey.

I look forward to showing you around our school and reading your application.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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