



Guardian Angels' Roman Catholic Primary School

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NURSERY PROSPECTUS



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W E L C O M E T O O U R N U R S E R Y

Dear Parents and friends,

Thank you for choosing Guardian Angels Nursery.

Guardian Angels' is a Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic Primary School committed to the Christian education of our children in a happy, safe and secure environment.

The School prides itself on the achievements and conduct of the children and on our special partnership with parents and our parish of Guardian Angels'.

We hope every child achieves and witnesses success at Guardian Angels' Nursery and leaves the Nursery feeling prepared for the challenges of Primary School - taking with them many joyful memories.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to our Mission Statement as it says a great deal about our school community. It is also the foundation for the excellent work that takes place here at Guardian Angels.

I hope you find this brochure helpful in providing all the information you will need to know about our nursery life. If, however, you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education in greater detail please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Equally, you are most welcome to make an appointment to visit us and see the school in operation or to discuss any concerns you may have about your child starting school.

As your child begins their journey through nursery, we do all we can to ensure this year is fruitful and happy and so continuing the successful tradition of Guardian Angels' Primary School.

For more information visit www.guardianangels.bury.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Mrs J E Davies

Executive Headteacher

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We follow in the footsteps of Jesus to Love, Learn and Grow.

In order that we might have life in all its fullness, our school family will:

- warmly welcome everyone to our school as Jesus welcomes us to the family of God. (W E L C O M E)
- love, value and respect each other as Jesus intended and to reach out to those who need us everywhere, to make God's world a better place. (W E L F A R E)
- place the Word of God at the centre of all we do. (W O R D)
- worship the Lord our God joyfully with all our hearts. (W O R S H I P)
- be witnesses of a Loving God, who is at the heart of all we do, by creating a happy atmosphere, lasting friendships and wonderful memories. (W I T N E S S)



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Starting nursery is a big step for your child who may be leaving familiar surroundings at home for the first time to make new friends in an exciting environment.

Please let us know if you have any worries or concerns about your child. We want to make the transition into nursery as easy as possible for both parents and children.

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact information so that the nursery staff are able to telephone you should the need arise. We also need to be aware of any food allergies or medical conditions your child may have. The more information you can give us, for example, if your child has difficulty hearing and may need to sit at the front for story time or attends speech therapy or other appointments this will help us to help your child.

THE FOUNDATION STAGE

Both the Nursery and Reception classes are part of the Foundation Stage. The curriculum for the Foundation Stage is based on the Early Learning Goals and is arranged into seven areas of learning, these are:

- ◆ **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- ◆ **Communication and Language**
- ◆ **Physical Development**
- ◆ **Literacy**
- ◆ **Mathematics**
- ◆ **Knowledge of the World**
- ◆ **Expressive Arts and Design**

Learning is fun in the Foundation Stage

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

On entry to nursery we encourage good behaviour, so please do not tell your child 'If someone hits you, hit them back'. Incidents can and do occur, however it is how we deal with them which is important. Please encourage your child to tell one of the nursery staff. Incidents can then be dealt with immediately without causing unnecessary upset:

- ◆ Encourage your child to have a go at putting on their coat and to fasten their trainers.
- ◆ Talk to your child and listen to what they have to say
Encourage your child to look at things around them and to describe what they see.
- ◆ Let your child use pencils, crayons and paints at home to help develop co-ordination
- ◆ Sing nursery rhymes to help with counting and language development
- ◆ Share a variety of books
- ◆ Help your child to make the sign of the cross and to get used to the idea of praying

THE NURSERY ROUTINE

Morning session

Doors open at 8.35 am

Registration is at 8.45 am.

The morning session finishes at 11.45 am

This session is for all children using the universal free 15-hours nursery provision.

You may want your child to stay for a School Dinner. In this case collection will be at **12.45 pm**.

The cost of School Dinners is paid weekly and via The School Money app. Details are available at the School Office.

Afternoon session

This session finishes at 3.00 pm and is available to parents who are entitled to 30 hours free funding. If you are not entitled to the additional 15 hours funding, afternoon sessions can be funded by parents. Afternoon places are offered on a full-time basis only.



Nursery Fee information is available from The School Office.

Please bring and collect your child on time. Children can become very upset if parents arrive late. If someone else is going to collect your child please let us know as soon as possible and make sure that they know your password.

The nursery doors are locked at 8.45 am for security reasons. If you arrive late please use the main entrance and sign your child in at The School Office. Alternatively if you are going to be late collecting your child please telephone The School Office as soon as possible.

OUR NURSERY UNIFORM

Nursery children do not have to wear Full School Uniform, however we are proud of all our children at Guardian Angels and in the wearing of the school logo we seek to strengthen the sense of belonging. Our basic colour is navy.

BOYS

White polo shirt (No logo)
Navy sweatshirt (with logo)
Navy joggers or Navy Shorts

Black training shoes (Velcro only)

Navy fleece
Navy or Black Coat

GIRLS

White Polo shirt (No Logo)
Navy Sweatshirt or Navy Cardigan (with logo)
Navy Joggers or Navy Leggings

Black training shoes (Velcro only)

Navy fleece
Navy or Black Coat

Due to the activities the children take part in, we ask that you do not send your child in a Dress or Skirt.

Please ensure that your child's coat is waterproof with a hood as we do go outside in all weathers, even in the winter. A pair of wellingtons in a bag for gardening activities and rainy days are essential. The children will need a book bag for letters and artwork.

All clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Please do not forget to put your child's name in shoes and wellington boots and pumps.

Items of value should not be brought into school in case of loss or damage. The school cannot be held responsible for personal property although care will be taken of everyday items eg clothing etc.

Jewellery is not suitable for school and should not be worn. For reasons of safety it is requested that children with pierced ears wear studs. Hairstyles should be conventional, not using hair products such as hair gel. We do not allow children to have dyed hair in school.

P E R S O N A L H Y G I E N E

When your child starts nursery it is important that he/she is able to use the toilet properly, flush it and to wash and dry hands. Of course accidents can and do happen but this should not be a daily event and the nursery staff cannot be expected to toilet train children. If this causes difficulty, please discuss this with the nursery staff. Children must have a full change of clothes in their bags for both toilet accidents and other incidents where they get wet and/or dirty.

S N A C K T I M E A N D M I L K

A piece of fruit and carton of milk is provided during snack time for your child (if your child has a fruit/milk allergy please let us know, or if your child does not drink milk then water will be provided). A water bottle with your child's name on it will need to be provided for water throughout the day.

T O Y S A N D O T H E R I T E M S F R O M H O M E

We would ask that children do not bring their own toys into school unless specifically asked to do so. This is so that toys do not get broken or lost and to avoid children being upset when others want to play with them. The children are given opportunities to bring in things from home on a regular basis and we will advise you in advance when they should be brought in.



I L L N E S S

Starting nursery means that your child comes into contact with lots of children and sometimes may pick up germs. Our school policy states that children must be free from sickness and diarrhoea for at least forty-eight hours before coming back to school. Please respect this rule and if in doubt contact the School Office on 0161 764 4014 who will be able to advise you accordingly.

A D M I N I S T E R I N G M E D I C I N E

We understand from time to time that your child may need medicine, however we do not normally undertake the administration of medicines in school except for Asthma and in exceptional circumstances. Medicine can only be administered if prescribed four times per day by a doctor. We cannot administer paracetamol or ibuprofen. A form will need to be completed at The School Office when prescribed medicine is needed.

B E F O R E A N D A F T E R S C H O O L C L U B / C A R E

Little Angels our before and after school club is on site and ready to help look after your child from 7:30am to 6:00pm. Little Angels offer a wide range of activities to occupy and entertain your child. They can also provide a nutritious breakfast and a light tea.

For further details please contact littleangels@guardianangelsrcp.com

V I S I T I N G O U R N U S E R Y

Any parents considering sending their child to Nursery are most welcome to visit us. Please telephone the School Office to arrange this on 0161 764 4014.

We hope you will enjoy visiting our busy, happy Nursery with your child.

C O N T A C T D E T A I L S

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