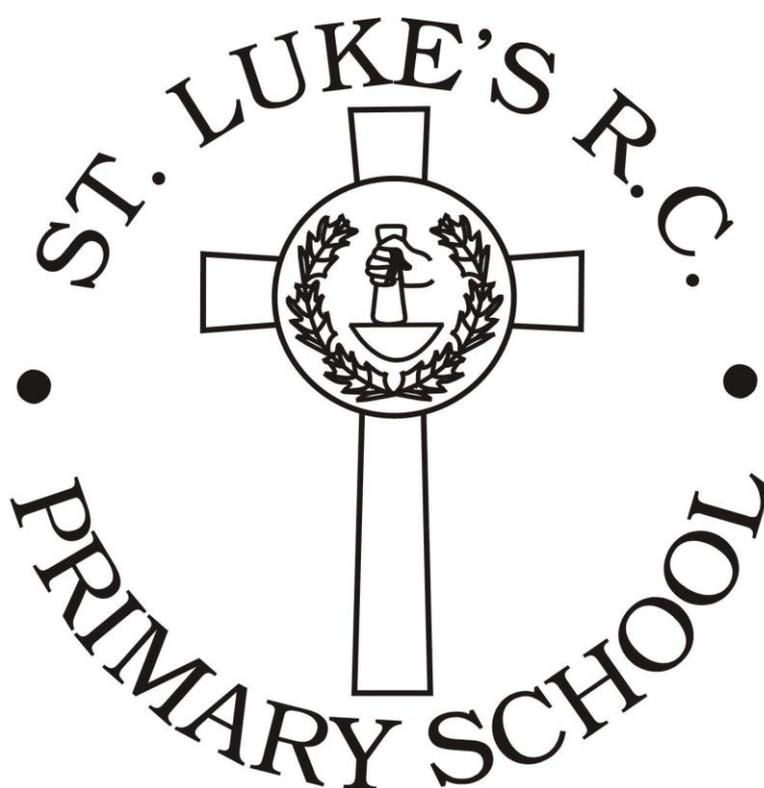


Saint Luke's R.C.

**Early Years Foundation Stage
for 3 to 5 year olds**



2018- 2019

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The maintaining Authority is the City of Salford
Education Authority.

EYFS School Opening Times:

EYFS 1 - 8.55 - 3.00 pm

EYFS 2 - 8.55 - 3.15 pm

Please collect promptly as young children can become distressed waiting. We can only let children go with named people over the age of 16 years. Please let us know in advance if someone different is coming.

E.Y.F.S. STAFF

Mrs Tomkins Teacher

Miss Lynch Teacher

Miss Simpson Teacher

Mrs Kennedy Teaching Assistant

Miss Mason Teaching Assistant

Mrs Okoli Teaching Assistant

Mrs Parry Teaching Assistant

Mrs Roscoe Teaching Assistant

Welcome to St. Luke's RC Early Years Foundation Stage.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage is the period of education from age 0 - 5. In school this includes the (nursery) EYFS 1 year and the (reception) EYFS 2 year. It is called the Early Years Foundation Stage because it gives children secure foundations for later learning. This period is a distinct stage with its own early learning goals in basic skills. Most children should be able to reach the majority of these goals by the end of the Foundation Stage.

Early experiences affect children's attitudes to learning. They create the basis for later learning, in school and beyond and are therefore extremely important.

We have open days in the Autumn, and Spring terms, where we will discuss your child's progress with you. In the Summer term you will receive a written report.

If at any time you need to speak to us about anything please feel free to do so. We are always available to help.

WHAT DO WE AIM FOR IN OUR EARLY YEARS ?

- to create a happy, stimulating environment which is appropriate to the needs of the individual child.

WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD BE DOING ?

- our curriculum is based on children learning through play in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum document.

We will promote the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes in all 7 areas of learning, working towards the 'Early Learning Goals'.

ASSESSING RECORDING AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

The progress of each child is planned, assessed and recorded against the Q.C.A. Curriculum Guidance for the Foundation Stage. At the end of the year you will receive a written report on your child's progress. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with your child's Key person.

INSPECTION REPORT

Our EYFS, along with the rest of the school was inspected in February 2017. The summary of the report is freely available from the Head Teacher's office.

KEY PERSON

Each child is assigned a 'Key Person'. This is a member of the EYFS staff who will spend the most time with your child, getting to know them in more depth and closely monitoring their development. Your child's 'Key Person' is your first port of call for anything you wish to discuss.

SAFETY

It will be our aim to ensure the highest quality of care for the children, including the children's safety. As part of this commitment we ask that parents introduce us to adults who may be picking up their child and let us know who will be picking them up. If we don't know the person coming to pick your child up we will not let them go - even if your child appears to know them - we will not allow them to go. We will not let your child go with anyone under the age of 16 years.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Boys and girls have equal access to all areas of the curriculum.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Children develop at different rates. We will keep you informed of your child's progress throughout the year. Should your child have difficulty in progressing in line with the rest of the children, special activities will be provided

DISCIPLINE

In developing good relationships with our children, together with well planned programmes of work and positive reinforcement, we will endeavour to develop a child's self-discipline and respect for others. (Access to our discipline policy is available on request)

COMPLAINTS

We hope that complaints will not arise, but if there is a problem please discuss it with a member of the EYFS staff. If you are still not satisfied then the appropriate procedure will be explained.

HEALTHY EATING

We ask that parents do not send in food or drink for your child. The school has a healthy eating policy and provides a healthy snack for your child each day. If they have any medical dietary requirements please inform staff.

DINNERS

EYFS 1 - you will need to provide a packed lunch.

EYFS 2 - you can choose between a school dinner or packed lunch.

MILK

Milk is available free of charge to those children under the age of five. Once your child goes into EYFS 2 you will have to order their milk each term.

BIRTHDAYS

We ask that parents do not send in cakes, sweets or chocolates on your child's birthday. School will provide a birthday card and cake for each child to share with their group so that every child's special day is celebrated in the same way.

EYFS FUND

We would like to ask you for a contribution of 50p each week.

This fund is used to purchase items, which constantly need replacing, such as baking ingredients, play dough, books, comics, tissues, plants, science equipment etc..

CLOTHING

The EYFS has a uniform for your child to wear.

Girls:

Grey skirt or navy blue/grey trousers with elasticated waist band.

Light blue polo t-shirt

Navy blue v-neck jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.

White socks.

Black Velcro shoes.

Summer dress - blue and white gingham.

Boys:

Grey trousers with elasticated waist band.

Light blue polo t-shirt.

Navy blue v-neck jumper or school sweatshirt.

Grey socks.

Plain black velcro shoes (no logo's)

This is much more practical as the clothes are easy for your child to manage by themselves and avoids their own clothes being spoiled by any messy activities. We ask that your child wears Velcro shoes, not laces, so that they can manage fastening them.

P.E kits are not needed until after Christmas in EYFS 2 (Reception). A letter will be sent out with details.

DRAWSTRING BAG

Your child needs a drawstring bag containing a complete change of clothing (in case of accident) This does not have to be uniform. The bag should be clearly marked with the child's name and kept on their pegs

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD BEFORE HE/SHE STARTS AT THE EYFS

- Insist that your child speaks in order to gain attention and express their needs. If they tap or poke you or hold out objects make them say what they want.
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs with your child. This helps with their speech, reading and writing.
- Answer your child's questions and question him/her about what he/she is doing. Listen to his/her responses and insist that he/she listens to you. Get down to their level and encourage eye contact.
- Develop the habit of tidying things away after use, returning toys to the place where they are kept.
- Encourage and practice personal skills of blowing nose, washing and drying hands, using the toilet, saying 'please' and 'thank you' and putting on / taking off their coats and shoes.
- Give them plenty of opportunities to use pencils and crayons. Playdough is excellent in developing children's finger muscles in order to help them to write.

- One of the main ways in which you can help children to become readers is by sharing a variety of books and reading aloud to them. They will learn to talk about the story and pictures, join in the parts they know and eventually recognise the words on the page. No child is too young to join the library. It is free and borrowing books is free. The school's local library is 'The Height Library' and we work closely with the Community children's Librarian. Please ask staff for more information.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IN ST LUKE'S EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE.

During the year news of forthcoming events and activities will be displayed on the parents' notice board and sent out on letters. On reading the letters and notices you will discover ways in which you can participate in school life.

We are always grateful for volunteers to assist us with activities such as gardening, listening to readers, cooking/baking, arts and crafts and educational visits. In order to volunteer you have to have a Criminal Record Bureau check for Child Protection reasons. If you are interested in volunteering please speak to Mrs McNorton or Mrs Daly at the school office who will give you the relevant information.

All offers of help and further suggestions are very welcome.

We wish both you and your child a very happy time as they start their school life. You are welcome to the EYFS at any time during the school day to talk to staff about your child or any problems you may have.

P.T.A. Friends

St Luke's has a successful and hardworking Parent/Teachers Association, known as the Friends of St Luke's. They organise social events throughout the year and raise much needed funds to help our children. The Friends meet once a month in the Parish Hall or school. All parents, especially new parents, are very welcome to attend these meetings.