

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two young girls in school uniforms, smiling and hugging each other. Overlaid on the top left is a large teal circle containing the school's name. Along the top edge, there are four smaller circles in green, magenta, yellow, and light blue. On the right side, the school's motto is written vertically.

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Leading the way

Mission Statement

**“Christ be in our heads,
in our hearts and in our hands.”**

All staff and the Governing Body in the school share the vision of the teaching of Jesus Christ as well as an inclusive curriculum. They are involved in realising this vision in day to day practice. We aim to provide quality teaching and learning, instil Gospel values, offer support and deliver a curriculum that develops the whole child and one that is fitting for the 21st Century.

Our Lady's School is founded on faith in Jesus Christ and the life of the school community is centred on His presence.

The school aims therefore to:

- Worship God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- Value each person as a child of God our Father;
- Create a caring, supportive and ordered environment;
- Offer a broad and balanced education;
- Foster relationships of affection, trust and forgiveness;
- Co-operate with home, parish and the wider community in order that each child is enabled to realise his or her potential as a sensitive responsible person.

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Welcome to Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



On behalf of all the children, staff and Governors I would like to warmly welcome you to Our Lady's Catholic Primary School.

I hope you will find this prospectus useful, interesting and informative. Its purpose is to give you an insight into what we can offer you and your child.

At Our Lady's, we like to celebrate success – at every level. The life of the school is driven by enthusiasm and a desire to achieve. We aim to bring learning alive, making it exciting and stimulating. We strive to give

our children a thirst and love for learning that continues with them throughout their lives. Above all else we want our pupils to feel safe, healthy, happy and successful.

An essential ingredient for this to happen is teamwork. We view education as a joint journey for all. We want everyone involved – our children, parents, staff, PTFA, Governors, our parish and wider community.

I see my role as leading Our Lady's in its continual pursuit of excellence. My vision is to ensure that this is a community in which

every child and every family has the highest aspirations for the future and feels well supported in achieving them.

I look forward to meeting you and hope your child will be happy in our school.

Miss Isabel Quinn – Headteacher



Lifelong Learning & Creativity

At Our Lady's we believe in offering a creative, challenging and inspiring curriculum.

Encouraging Individual Success

Even the youngest children in the school are encouraged to see themselves as individuals, responsible for their own achievement and learning. We celebrate every pupil's personal progress whether academic, creative, physical or social. We enjoy success, but recognise that the processes we go through in order to achieve are just as important as the end product. We highly value diversity and creativity. Personalised learning is a strong feature of our school in that we endeavour to shape our curriculum to meet the needs of every individual. Each child's progress is carefully monitored so that appropriate action can be taken to ensure that every child fulfils their potential.

Learning to enjoy the challenge

We aim to foster the development of children who are eager to learn and keen to help one another. This is learning not teaching. Our children are encouraged to seize opportunities and take controlled risks. Adventurous learning happens both indoors and outdoors, within the school day and in the extended curriculum including enrichment through educational visits, workshops, visitors and theatre groups.

“We are able to utilise the strengths of our teaching staff and enhance the quality of learning and teaching.”

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“We plan our curriculum carefully so continuity and progression are smooth and aid development.”

Building The Right Foundations

The Reception Class at Our Lady's provides a wonderful launch pad for our children. The dynamic and creative curriculum is based around the six areas of learning. Children are at the centre of their own learning and each individual is nurtured within a high quality environment. Through a balance of child initiated play and adult focused activities, we ensure that they have the opportunity to reach the Early Learning Goals by the age of five.

Well Prepared For The Future

Much of the emphasis at Our Lady's is on breadth of experience, with achievement at any level being rewarded. The academic curriculum is wide ranging and complemented by an enormously varied programme aimed at developing children with confidence, creativity and individuality. Our aim is to produce happy, enquiring children who are lifelong learners ready to take on the world!

Extra Curricular

A varied range of extra-curricular activities are organised by enthusiastic staff with the intention of extending the children's experiences. These are very popular.

Large numbers of children are involved in sport, music and creative activities. These clubs include: Dance, Gym, Animation, Enterprise, Football, Netball, Film, MFL, Cookery and Homework.

Together We Journey In Faith

As a Catholic school, God is at the very heart of all we do. The rites and practices of the Roman Catholic Faith are reverently upheld in the school and participation in these rites and practices is offered to all our children. It is our role to recognise each individual's worth and to teach the message of the Gospels. Gospel values of trust, honesty, forgiveness, self-respect, self-discipline and loving and caring for one another are an essential part of everyday life in the school.

Following Jesus in all we do by;

- Growing closer to God through prayer and worship
- Showing respect, love and care for everyone and everything
- Giving of our best in all things
- Sharing fully in the Catholic life of the school and beyond



The Parish has an important role in supporting the school. We are actively involved in our local parish and we regularly attend Mass both at school and at the local church, St. Anselm's.

Our parish priest comes to visit and pray with the children and helps them to appreciate and understand the value of their faith and the part they each play as members of their parish community.

“I have come so that they may have life and live it to the full.”

John 10:10

“God is love, as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.”

(1 John 4:8 and 12)

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A Welcome from the Governing Body

We hope that you have found the information contained in our new and vibrant school prospectus to be informative and to provide you with an overall flavour of the school and its environment.

We are very proud to be the Governing Body at Our Lady's. The calibre and commitment of this Governing Body is a testament to the dedication shown by our Headteacher, the senior leadership team and all the teaching and support staff. We believe that all of the children in their care are able to achieve to their highest potential, both academically and as individuals.

As a Governing Body, our main priority is to maintain a strategic overview of the education of your children, striving to ensure that all of the children receive every opportunity, support and encouragement, to enable them to reach their full potential.

We are an active Parish School that believes in and follows the teachings of the Gospels. Children attend Mass on a regular basis to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Our Year 3 children also learn about and receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parents and carers of children at the school regularly comment on the happy environment within this diverse and inclusive school. The fact that we also have an enthusiastic and successful PTFA helps to consolidate effective links between home and school.

We hope that you feel confident in entrusting your child's education to our impressive group of teaching and support staff at OLPS.

Please contact the school office to receive further information.

Chair of Governors



We believe in:

CONTRIBUTION – from all members of the school community will be valued and recognised.

CHALLENGE – we aim to promote challenge through high expectations of learning and behaviour.

CREATIVITY – is a strong focus. We want to stimulate and build curious minds.

COMMUNITY – we work in partnership with all promoting togetherness and valuing each other.

CARING – all children will be happy and secure and their achievements will be shared and celebrated.

CONSISTENCY – the school will grow, change and develop but we will always remain true to our vision.

COMMUNICATION – we realise the importance of efficient, effective communication. Everyone must feel that they have opportunities for consultation and be kept informed.

“We want all our children to experience success and enjoy their learning whilst at school.”



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