



Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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Like Our Lady, we live wisely, think deeply and love generously, in Christ

Headteacher Welcome,



Thank you for your interest in Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School. I am extremely proud to be the Head Teacher of our school: a small, friendly and vibrant one-form entry Catholic primary school situated in the heart of Wavertree suburb. We can track our heritage back over 150 years. Our mission statement, based on the words of Pope Francis, **'Like Our Lady, we live wisely, think deeply and love generously, in Christ,'** perfectly embodies the Catholic ethos of our school.

We are so proud of our children: they are enthusiastic, enquiring and have a real love of learning. Our staff work tirelessly, putting care and thought into everything they do to help our children be the best they can be and to ensure that all children receive an education that meets their individual strengths and needs. At OLGH, we are devoted to creating the best learning environment, where each and every child can thrive and develop into well-rounded, independent, upstanding members of our community.

By developing strong relationships, we are able to teach the children to be compassionate, kind and **respectful; proud** of themselves, each other and our school; and we are able to keep our children **safe** and happy. On top of this, we value the relationships we have with our parents, our parish and our local community. We truly believe that, by working in partnership, each child will receive all the love, care and support needed to flourish. Children join our school from Reception, entering our superbly-resourced classroom which has a fantastic outdoor area. Our children enjoy a rich and engaging, broad and balanced curriculum that provides every child with a real love of learning and helps them to progressively build their knowledge.

Our children also have the chance to enjoy a wide range of educational visits too such as Acorn Farm, Roman Chester or the Liverpool's museums as well as residential trips. We run lots of after-school enrichment clubs, including: art, board games, choir, a variety of sports and STEM club amongst many others so that children are able to develop other passions and learn life-skills. We have excellent links with our parish, Christ the King and Our Lady, and in the local community too. We are a very warm and friendly school and, because of this, we always find that children settle in quickly and are very soon part of the Our Lady of Good Help family.

We may be a small school but we have the BIGGEST heart! Please give us a call as we would love to show you around our wonderful school.

Mr. M. McQuiston

ABOUT OLGH

South Drive, Wavertree

Our school is situated on South Drive which lies in the Wavertree Conservation area of Liverpool within the former parish of Our Lady of Good Help. The old parish dates back to the 1870s and the school was one of the first to be built in the city of Liverpool.

Nowadays, Our Lady of Good Help is part of the parish of Christ The King and Our Lady. We are a one-form entry school with a superb community spirit – one big family. Our mission is to provide a Catholic education whereby we teach our children to understand their own faith, whilst respecting all faiths.

We welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds and are proud of our inclusive approach to education. We celebrate mass as a school every month with our parish priest, Father Colin, who comes to school to say mass.

Our school is one of the three primary schools in the parish alongside Christ the King and St. Paschal Baylon.

**“TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
TREATED YOURSELF,” LUKE 6:31**

MEET THE STAFF

Who We Are

Senior Leaders

Mr. M. McQuiston

Headteacher

Mrs. S. Olushonde

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs. J. Foster

SENDCO

Administrators

Mrs. L. Hopwood

Miss A. Harris

Class Teacher

Mrs. V. McGorry - Reception

Miss M. Williams - Year 1

Miss L. Summers - Year 2

Mrs. L. Cooney - Year 3

Mr. J. Johnson - Year 4

Miss H. Roberts/ Mrs. S. Olushonde - Year 5

Mr. R. Dade -Year 6

Classroom Support

Mrs. S. Blythe

Mrs. D. Wafer

Mrs. J. Spence

Mrs M. Schofield

Miss N. Robinson/ Miss N. Morris

Ms. D. Edison

Mrs. M. Kozanecka

Support Staff

Mr. D. Clark

Mrs. C. Neal

Mrs. A. Robinson

Mrs. S. Mahoney

Ms L. Cooling

Mrs. A. Wilcock

Miss R. West

Ms S. Puentes Escalante

Mrs. T. Pomford

WHAT WE DO

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We pride ourselves on the high-quality, adaptive teaching each child receives and on our child-centred approach which produces a warmth that pervades the school. Our ethos is reflected in the positive relationships formed between children and staff alike.

We ensure all children make the best start to school life. We teach early reading through the Read, Write Inc. programme, an approach that is carefully sequenced to provide children with the skills to be successful readers. We want to foster a true love of reading in all children.



At OLGH, we prioritise children's physical and mental health, providing children with a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities to enrich their school experiences as well as teaching our children to be resilient, committed and to embrace challenges.



OUR BEHAVIOUR



The Good Help Way

Children at our school learn through our 3 rules: **respectful, proud, safe**. We respect others by showing kindness to one another and looking after our school property; we take pride in our work by doing our best and we celebrate others' success; we act safely around school so that we can enjoy the exciting activities we do.

Through R.E. and RSHE, children are taught from the beginning about the Gospel Values and being a good person; these messages are weaved into our whole-school collective worships, celebrations and throughout our curriculum. We study books within English using a wide-range of quality texts which have diverse themes to allow the children to explore other cultures and listen to other view points.

We ensure children behave well by reinforcing positive behaviour. Our house system, implemented using Class Dojo, enables children to collect points for displaying desired behaviours. We use a range of weekly rewards such as 'Superstar' certificates accompanied by hot chocolate, 'Pride' awards, 'Above and Beyond' gold bands and our 'Special delivery' postcards, which are sent home to celebrate great attitudes to learning.

Respectful, Proud, Safe

OUR CURRICULUM

An Overview

Our curriculum reflects our aspirations for the children of Our Lady of Good Help. It connects them to communities locally and throughout the world – reflecting our diversity. The broad and balanced content has been carefully selected to inspire and engage children. Throughout the curriculum, they will have the opportunity to explore, build knowledge, create and present their work: vital skills for a life of learning. By the time our children leave OLGH, we want them to be confident, articulate, knowledgeable, upstanding members of the community, ready to continue their learning journey.

From Reception, we teach the children to read through Read, Write inc. by Ruth Miskin. The books are carefully matched to their reading ability and, as they move through the scheme, they are carefully assessed and monitored to ensure they make excellent progress. Once they complete this programme, they are introduced to whole class reading where we build upon their skills by explicitly teaching them to predict, summarise, retrieve & infer information from texts and explore a wide range of high-level vocabulary.

In maths, we use a mastery approach to learning through Power Maths, which systematically builds knowledge and enables children to develop excellent reasoning skills. We also focus on basic maths skills: counting, times tables and arithmetic to ensure all children are confident, fluent mathematicians.

We encourage the children to be creative and knowledgeable across the whole curriculum and we aim to provide meaningful connections in their learning so that they can use these links to help them remember and do more as they progress through the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Life of the School!



Our school places great importance on children developing their whole self through a range of sporting and arts activities. Our focus on wellbeing and participation to enhance learning and enjoyment is key to our success. Children are rewarded for their commitment to extra-curricular activity through our house dojo system.

We provide a wide variety of clubs run by our staff and also some paid-for clubs run by external coaches. Clubs include dodgeball, cricket, football, netball, basketball, badminton, arts & crafts, computing, reading, choir, multi-sports, tennis, hockey, maths games, board games, TT Rockstars and many others throughout the year.

We promote healthy lifestyles by implementing an active playground. Our sports coach ensures many children are active at lunch time by providing a wide variety of activities including space-hopping and archery!

You can keep up with everything that happens in Our Lady of Good Help through our social media streams and our parentapp.







SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**To apply for a place in our Reception class,
please visit:**

www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

**For in-year transfers, please contact our school
office for an application form.**

The small school with a BIG heart!



*"Pupils take pride in being part of the school.
This sense of belonging has been fostered by
leaders and governors,"
Ofsted, 2018*

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