



# ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Information for prospective parents

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## From the Principal, Richard Burke

Choosing the right school for your children, who are precious gifts from God, is a vitally important decision. We recognise the crucial role played by you as parents in the education of your children. You want them to be happy and successful so you need to feel confident that we will provide the environment where this will happen. St Richard Reynolds is a place where our young people come first, are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired.

We seek excellence in all that we do and if you entrust your child to us we will work tirelessly to achieve this. We are hugely ambitious academically for all our pupils. However, we also want them to live lives which are personally, socially and spiritually fulfilling. During their time with us, we hope to develop within them a love for art, music, dance, theatre and God which will enrich the whole of their lives.

If you are considering applying for a place for your child here you will be most welcome to come and see us at work; so please make an appointment to join one of our regular College tours.

**I look forward to meeting you.**



## From Emma O'Byrne, Director of Primary Learning

On behalf of all the members of the primary team, I should like to offer you a warm welcome to our lovely school and encourage you to come and see us in action. You will see happy and enthusiastic children engaging in a variety of activities both adult-led and child-initiated in our primary classrooms and our outdoor learning environment. As a staff, we are committed to providing all the children entrusted to our care with a stimulating curriculum within a happy and safe environment where everyone can work hard and have fun!

## St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School Admissions

The governing body will admit up to 30 pupils to Reception in September 2017 and each year thereafter. Applications are invited from all who wish their children to have a Catholic education. Should the school be oversubscribed, 20 places will be allocated with priority given to baptised Catholic children and the remaining 10 places in the Primary School will be allocated without reference to the religion of the child.

The closing date is **13<sup>th</sup> January 2017** for applications for places in Reception at St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 for entry in September 2017. Outcomes will be advised by your local authority on behalf of the governing body on **17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**.

The full Admission arrangements and the Supplementary Information Form are available via the College office and on our [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk). Certificates of Catholic Practice (if required) maybe obtained from parish priests or via a link on the College website Completed forms should be returned to the College office.

If you would like to visit the school please see the website for details or contact the College by e mail at [office@srcc.org.uk](mailto:office@srcc.org.uk) or by telephone on **020 8325 4630**.

**NB You must complete and return a Common Application Form (CAF) to your home local authority for your application to be considered.**



## Induction Days & Home Visits

We want to ensure that your child's entry into Reception at St Richard Reynolds is a happy one and that they feel excited and confident about starting school. That's why we invite new parents and children to the school before they officially start so they can become familiar with their classroom and teachers and meet some of their classmates. We also encourage parents to sign up for a home visit by our Reception teacher and teaching assistant to meet your child in your home before their first day.

# The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

**“Reception children are well supported and make rapid progress” Ofsted 2015**



Reception children participate in a variety of activities; some are led by an adult and others are self-initiated. We recognise the importance of play in the Early Years curriculum. Young children learn by interacting with their environment - people, materials and information. They want to discover how and why things happen. They learn through ‘doing’ and play is an essential part of this learning experience. However, this play is not just about entertaining activities; it is carefully structured and planned to take account of the children’s needs.

During the Reception year we will help your child to:

- Develop confidence
- Establish a good relationship with the teacher and teaching assistants
- Develop relationships with other children
- Learn new routines
- Learn to listen to the teacher and each other
- Develop the ability to concentrate
- Develop independence

Learning in Reception follows seven areas of learning comprising of three prime areas of learning and four specific areas of learning.

You can find out more about our Reception curriculum in the Reception Handbook posted on our website at [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk)

**“Teaching is of very high quality. Teachers have high expectations and teaching assistants are well trained to support children with additional needs, including the more able.” Ofsted 2015**

## Music

**Music allows children to express themselves creatively and imaginatively**



St Richard Reynolds College has a specialism in Music. In the Foundation Stage, Music plays an important part of an imaginative and engaging curriculum in which children can express themselves in song and through trying out various instruments to make and alter sounds. Pupils also take part in musical productions. Music brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection and emotional development as well as building personal confidence, friendships and teamwork. It promotes creativity and spontaneity. As they progress through the school, every pupil, whatever their ability, will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

## Sport

**Physical education forms a vital part of a rounded education**

Physical education in the Foundation Stage is about improving skills of coordination, control, manipulation and movement. Physical Education helps children gain confidence in what they can do and enables them to take on different challenges individually and as part of a team. Children engage in a wide range of physical activities in Reception including dance, ball games, running and jumping. At the end of the summer term, our primary children take part in a fun sports day at St Mary’s University, Strawberry Hill.

## Mission & Identity

**Children will come to know that they are special and that God loves each one of them**



You are the primary educators of your children and this school works in partnership with parents to assist them in that responsibility. We help our children to come to know that they are special within their family and school community and that God loves each one of them at all times. They will begin to hear about God’s wonderful world. We will help them to come to respect and care for each other and to learn to take responsibility for their actions and choices and say sorry when they need to. The College places great emphasis on pastoral care and to provide a safe, ordered learning environment where children feel safe and happy.



## Uniform

**Uniforms help define the ethos of a school and the standards expected**

Uniforms help give pupils pride in their school and make them ambassadors for their school in the community. The College uniform carries the badge worn by Bridgettine canons with crossed palms recalling the martyrdom of St Richard Reynolds. The red cross represents the Passion of Christ and the white centre, the Blessed Sacrament. Uniform is available from Stevensons in Twickenham and online at [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)



## School Meals



Eating meals together is an important part of any community and, as such, school meals at lunchtime are mandatory for all of our pupils. Our pupils benefit from the social element that eating together provides, as well as having a nutritious meal which sustains them for the rest of the school day. Meals are freshly prepared each day in a new professional kitchen on site.

## What our parents and Ofsted say:

*“The teachers have been really warm and welcoming to the little ones - my son loves both Mr Hasker and Mrs Stevens and often talks about them at the weekends. He really enjoys school and that’s all to do with the effort they put in.”* Reception and Year 3 parent

*“The teachers have made a real effort getting to know my children. The whole team is very approachable and are always happy to answer any questions. It amazes me how much my son and daughter learn every day without even realising it!”* Reception and Year 2 parent

***“The school is outstanding in every category ...The link with the federated secondary school enables children in Reception and pupils in Year 1 to receive high quality teaching from specialist teachers. Pupils have regular French lessons and enjoy them, answering questions confidently in French. Music and physical education are also taught in this way, ensuring that pupils receive outstanding teaching, making excellent progress from an early age.”*** Ofsted 2015 (see the full report on our website).

## Location, buildings and facilities

The College is situated at Clifden Road, Twickenham. A new building is under construction and is due to be completed by September 2017. Virtually all the costs have been provided by the Catholic Church and by contributions from parents and charities. The Primary school will be relocated in the new building in September 2017. The Reception classroom will have state-of-the-art IT facilities and its own dedicated outdoor soft and hard play area accessed directly from the classroom. There is a large hall for assemblies, sports, drama and special events. A fully-equipped professional kitchen means meals are freshly prepared each day. Part of Strathmore School will be co-located on the College site in 2017 to provide for children with sensory or physical disabilities.



Artist's impression of the new building

**You will find lots more useful information about the College on our website at [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk) and you can follow us on Twitter @StRRCCollege**

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