Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

Reception Class Parent Information Booklet

Our Mission Statement

'With God all things are possible'
(Mathew 19:26)

The Rosary Trust

Supporting Your Child's Transition to School

As your child embarks on this new adventure, here are some ways you can guide them.

Talk Excitedly: *Share your happy school memories with your child and talk about the exciting experiences awaiting your child.*

Attend school events: *Take advantage of opportunities to visit your child's new setting before the start date. Familiarise your child with their new environment and meet their new teachers.*

Mirror Routines: *Create a daily routine at home that mirrors the schedule of the new setting. Provide a sense of security and predictability during the transition.*

Encourage Expression: *Encourage your child to express their feelings about starting school. Listen attentively and validate their emotions to ease any worries they may have.*

Positive Drop-offs: *Maintain a positive and reassuring attitude during drop-offs. Assure your child that they will return to pick them up later, building their confidence and trust.*

Special Goodbye Rituals: *Create a special goodbye ritual, like a unique handshake or a quick hug, to provide comfort before they enter the classroom.*

Establish Connection: *Connect with the school and your child's educators. Attend meetings, engage in conversations about their progress, and participate in school activities.*

Read Together: *Read books about starting school to normalise and familiarise your child with the experiences. Use this time for discussions about their feelings and expectations.*

Be Patient and Supportive: *Be patient and supportive as your child settles into their new routine. Understand that transitions take time, and every child adjusts at their own pace.*

The Early Years Bubble

Our Daily Routines

Arrival

(from 10th September 2024)

School gates open at 8:30am. Please arrive on time to ensure your child has a smooth transition into school.

Children will be greeted by a member of the OLI teaching staff.

Children will line up with their class and be Led into school at 8:45am by their class teacher

End of the Day

(from 10th September 2024)

Collection will be from the school playground. Please tell your child who will be collecting them from school. If arrangements , change please email the school.

Extended Provision: Please see the Ark leaflet in your welcome pack.





Lunchtime

All Foundation children are entitled to a free school meal. Please take time to look at the school menus with your child. These can be found on the school website and are on a three week rotation.

Packed Lunch

You can send your child in with a healthy balanced packed lunch. We have a **NO NUT** policy in school.

Snacks

A daily selection of fruit and vegetable snacks are provided by the school.

School Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a full water bottle (no squash, please). There are many opportunities during the day for your child to have a drink.

Late Arrival

All children must be in class by 8:50am if you arrive after this time, please enter via the school office.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school, please phone the absence line (01245 353755) by 9:00am or email parents@ourladyimmaculet.essex.sch.uk

Our Positive behaviour Policy

'At Our Lady Immaculate, our behaviour curriculum is committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at th heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.'
Positive behaviour Policy 2024

Our Golden Rules...

We expect children to be ready and respectful by demonstrating the Our Lady Immaculate Virtues and Values. This is recognised through weekly Merit badges (linked to the Virtues we are growing in). Learner of the Week Certificates rewarded at Celebration Assemblies, 3 positive reinforcement strategies, Friend of the Week certificates and recognition boards in classrooms.

When your child joins Our lady Immaculate, they will join one of our four houses: Campion, Fisher, More and Becket.

While in school, they earn house points for following school rules, demonstrating positive behaviour and participation in school life.
The weekly totals for each house are published in the newsletter.

Ready
Respectful
Kind

We expect children to be kind. To use kind hands, kind feet and kind words when working and playing together.



Virtues

Care for Creation, Preferential Option for the Poor, Solidarity and Peace, Community and Participation, Dignity of Workers, Dignity

Getting Ready for School

You can support your child in the following ways:



On my First day of School I will need…

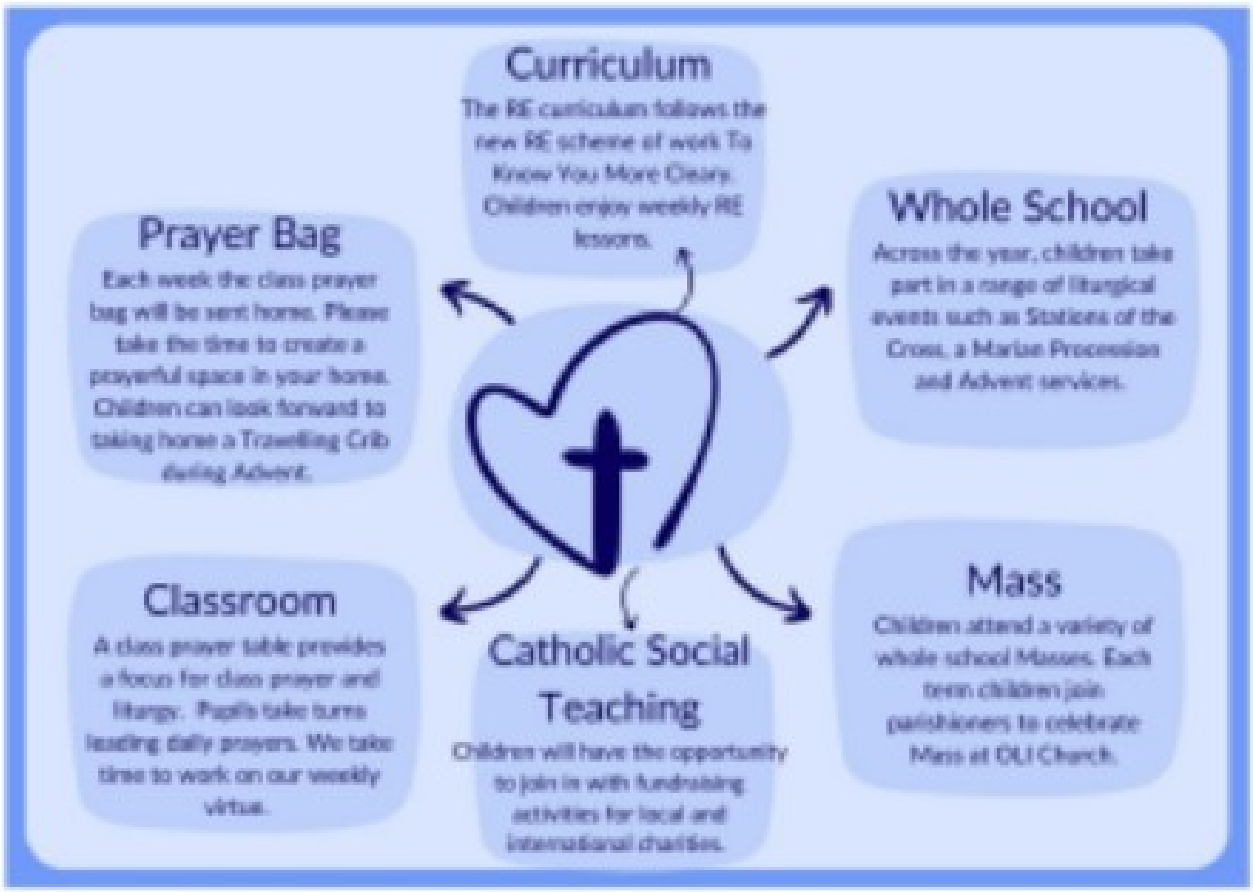
- To wear my school uniform.
- My navy school coat (weather dependent).
- My OLI backpack.
- My OLI water bottle.
- To bring in spare socks and underwear.

Please name all items.



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Your child will enjoy taking part in the religious life of the school. With many links made between school, home and Our lady Immaculate Parish Church





A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dear Jesus
Please show me how to spend my day
Sharing your love in every way
Help me to be kind to everyone To play and laugh and have lots of fun Shining your light anf giving your grace Sharing your joy with a smile on my face