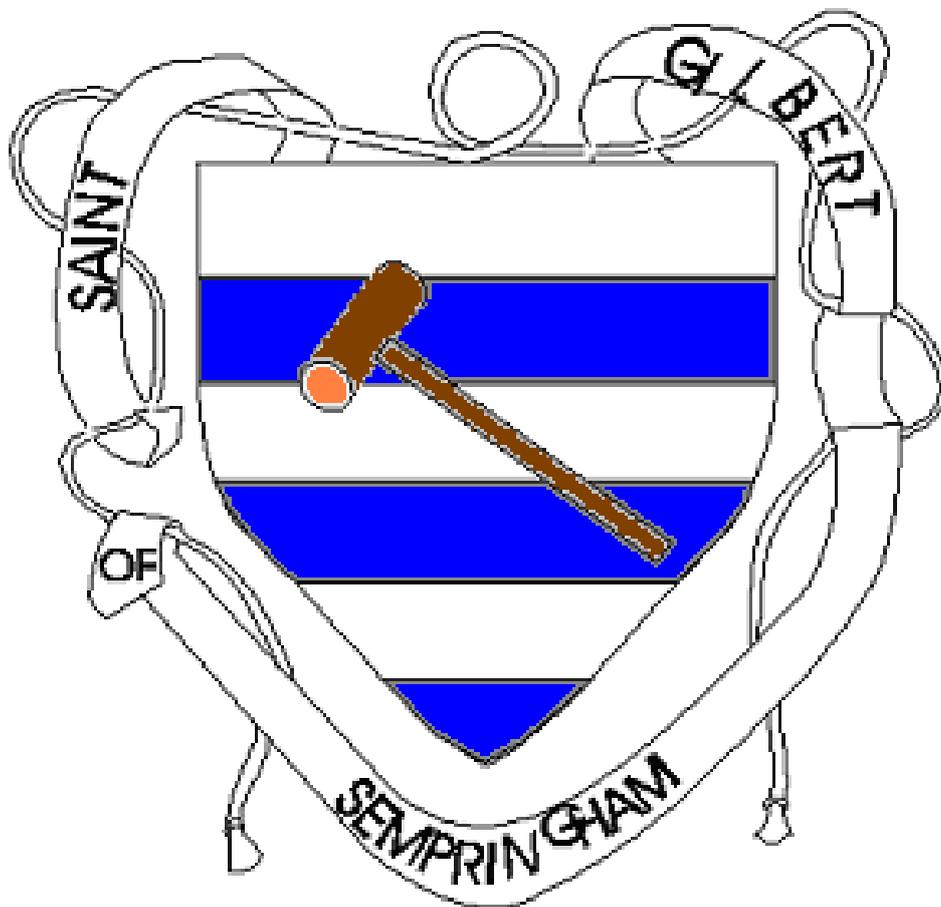


St. Gilbert's R.C. Primary School

Nursery Brochure



2017-2018

Welcome to **St. Gilbert's Nursery**. We hope that your child will be very happy with us.

The Nursery and Reception years form '**The Early Years Foundation Stage**' of your child's education. The principles which guide the work of all early years' practitioners are grouped into four themes:

A Unique Child- every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

Positive Relationships- children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships.

Enabling Environments- the environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.

Learning and Development- children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.

These four guiding themes describe how we support the development, learning and care of the children. Play underpins all development and learning for young children and appropriate activities are based on their needs and interests. Children are given opportunities to play indoors and outdoors. Through play children can explore, develop, practise skills, understand the need for rules, take risks and make mistakes, think creatively and imaginatively and communicate with others. We provide a balance of child-initiated and adult-led, play-based activities to help children develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally.



The Areas of Learning and Development

There are seven areas of learning and development. The **prime areas** are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The four **specific areas**, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied, are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design

For **Religious Education** we follow the Salford Diocesan Guidelines: 'The Way, The Truth & The Life.' We consider this to be a very important part of the curriculum.

Each child's development and achievements in their learning are monitored and recorded on a regular basis throughout their time in the Nursery. These achievements will be shared with parents throughout the year and a written report is



given at the end of the year, summarising progress. The Nursery staff has a commitment to working in partnership with parents. We actively seek parents' contributions to the achievement profile of their child. You are always welcome to come to the Nursery to talk to the staff about your child. If you need more than a few minutes, please make an appointment.

'Here I Come.'

You will receive a transition sheet to help us to get to know your child. **Please** make sure you fill this in and return it to school.

The Nursery Day

The Nursery doors are opened at 8.50 and closed at 8.55 a.m. The day finishes at 3.10pm. (The children have their lunch at approx.11.45 a.m.) It is essential to inform the Nursery staff or the office if anybody different is picking up your child. We do not allow any child to leave the Nursery with a person under 16 years old. If for some reason you are unavoidably delayed, then please telephone the school.

Breakfast Club/After-Care

There is a breakfast club from 8.00 a.m. (£5-limited places) and after-school club until 5.15 p.m. (£6). If you require a place, please let us know as soon as possible.

Starting Nursery

Initially all the children will attend the Nursery for a morning or afternoon session. Parents are invited to stay for a while at this session. This will give them an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask questions regarding the admission. On Monday 11th September, all children will start part-time attendance. Morning sessions will be **9.00 am-11.00 am** and afternoon sessions will be **1.10 pm-3.10 pm**. (See the 'Admissions Rota' for your child's sessions.) On Monday 25th September, all children will start full-time attendance. Children need to be fully toilet-trained before they are accepted on a full-time basis.

Mornings

In the morning, please wait in the main Infant playground. The gate to the Early Years' playground will be opened by a member of staff. (This is where you wait at home-time also.) For health & safety reasons please do not allow your child (or younger siblings) to play on the 'Trim Trail' in the Infant playground, before or after school. This is for supervised use only, during school hours.

(Parents are not permitted to use the car park due to Health & Safety issues.)

Uniform

Boys

Black trousers (elasticated)
Pale blue school jumper from PSU*
White 'polo' shirt
Black shoes-**no laces please**
Black socks



Girls

Black skirt or pinafore (no logos)
Pale blue school jumper or cardigan from PSU*
White 'polo' shirt
Black shoes-**no laces please**
Black socks or tights

School jumpers & cardigans (with school logo) can be purchased from PSU via the school website (www.stgilbertsrc.co.uk). The 'login' is 'Cambell1.' Non-logo items can be purchased from most major high street stockists.

P.E.

The children have a P.E. session every Friday. On this day each week the children may come to school wearing their polo shirt, black track suit bottoms and trainers.



Outdoor Clothes

As the children have almost continuous access to the outdoors they need clothing suitable for all weathers. For this purpose we have 'Regatta' waterproof, hooded jackets and trousers which are kept in school. We are asking for a contribution of £5 to help pay for these. Children also need a pair of wellingtons to keep in school.

Safety

Please avoid jackets/coats with tie toggles and mittens threaded through coat sleeves, as they can prove dangerous when children are climbing on outside apparatus or using wheeled toys.

For health & safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed. **This includes earrings.**

PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Meals

Children can bring a packed lunch or they can have a school dinner. (Packed lunches **should not contain fizzy drinks or sweets.**) School dinners cost £10.00 a week and consist of a main course and dessert. If your child has any special dietary requirements please let us know as soon as possible, preferably before September. All payments for dinner money are now processed through 'ParentPay.' (www.parentpay.com) You will be given a unique username and password to activate your account.

Free Meals

You may be eligible for free school meals. You should make your application to the Education Welfare Office. The number for enquiries regarding free school meals is 0161 909 6508.

Milk/Snacks

Every child is entitled to a small bottle of milk each day. You do not have to pay for this until your child is five years old. Please make sure you have filled in the form for milk as this is ordered in advance. Children have their own water bottle in the Nursery. We do not allow the children to bring sweets, crisps or drinks to school. In the Nursery a mid-morning snack is provided. This is usually fruit or vegetables. If your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements, please let us know. **For safety reasons we ask that you do not send lollipops of any description for 'birthday treats.'** If you are sending cakes, please send cupcakes rather than one large cake. (This is not an expectation!)



Water Bottles

The children need their own **plastic** water bottle, preferably see-through with a spout, not screw top, and not too large. This enables them to have access to water at all times during the day. It must be taken home at the end of the day, washed, refilled and brought into school the next day. We will refill them throughout the day as necessary. (The bottle should not be filled with any drink other than still, plain water.)

Children's names should be written on their bottles with a permanent marker.

(We can do this at school if you do not have such a pen.)



Nursery Fund

In the Nursery we ask for a donation of **£1 a week** to cover the cost of various activities and events e.g. The children are given a small present for their birthday; they take part in baking and food tasting; there are sometimes celebrations in association with topics being studied e.g. Chinese New Year. Extra resources can be bought to enhance topics. This fund is incredibly valuable and considerably improves the provision for your child. It can be paid weekly or termly. (First term=£14)

Money

Any money sent into school should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, amount and reason for payment. Separate envelopes should be used for different payments.

School Wallets

We ask that all children have a St. Gilbert's wallet, rather than another bag, as they are much more suitable for bringing home letters, pictures etc. It is very important that parents/carers check these wallets every night for important letters, accident notes etc. School wallets, with the school logo, are available from the PSU website. We would be very grateful if you could provide these for September.

Absence from School

All absences from school must be reported on the first day, with a telephone call. On return to school, a note is required, explaining the reason for absence. Family holidays during term time will not be authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances.

Illness in School

When children are ill or have an accident in school, parents are contacted. Contact telephone numbers should be kept up to date on school records. You should have filled in a form detailing all contact names and addresses. A medical information form should be filled in before September. Any allergies should be noted also.

Medication

Schools are not legally compelled to administer medication to children because of the risks involved and possible legal consequences. However, it is our school policy to administer medicines prescribed by a doctor if they need to be taken **four** times a day. **Parents must ensure that all medicines are clearly marked with the name of the child, the dosage and the times it needs to be administered.** Parents will need to sign a 'disclaimer.' Medicines should be handed directly to a member of the office staff in school. Asthmatic inhalers are kept in the Nursery office.



Preparing for School

You can help prepare your child for Nursery by talking about the activities he/she will be able to take part in, and the new friends he/she will make.

It would be helpful to your child if he/she can do these things before coming to the Nursery: -

- ❖ Use the toilet confidently
- ❖ Wash & dry hands
- ❖ Take off and put on own shoes
- ❖ Suck through a straw
- ❖ Use a knife and fork
- ❖ Put on his/her coat
- ❖ Use a tissue
- ❖ Know their Christian and surname
- ❖ Know the names of everyday objects
- ❖ Recognise colours



Children learn about the world, other people and themselves through experiences and by trying things out. Some ways to help develop your child's learning skills are:

- **Talk.** Discuss things your child says and does and explain why we do things.
- **Listen.** Try to respond to all questions asked.
- **Read together.** Talk about the pictures and the story.
- **Explore the world.** Go on trips to the park, playgrounds, zoos, the library, museums.
- **Sing** nursery rhymes and songs together.
- **Count** in everyday activities e.g. going upstairs.
- **Let your child** scribble using crayons, chalk, and large pencils.

Writing and Reading

Many of you will want to help your children to learn to read and write. It is very important that you work closely with school so that your child does not become confused by differing methods.

Please do not teach your child to write in capital letters, except for the start of their Christian and surnames, and the beginning of sentences. Please see the page on the formation of letters and numbers. If you talk about letters please say the **sounds** of the letters. At St. Gilbert's we use the 'Read, Write, Inc' Phonics scheme. When children begin to learn the letter sounds you will be invited into school to learn more about the scheme and how you can support your child at home.



Applying for Reception

Please note that gaining a place in the Nursery does not automatically guarantee a place in Reception the following year. A separate application will be required and the possibility of not getting a place in the Reception class is higher if you do not live in the parishes of St. Gilbert's, Peel Green and St. Matthew's Winton.

Government Funding

Please log on to the website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and register to receive your 11 digit voucher code to enable us to receive full time funding, from the Government, for your child.

Communication

Our primary form of communication is our website and we work hard to keep this as up-to-date and relevant as possible. We also send out newsletters and use twitter. Twitter is a free tool which, unlike many other systems, can be accessed anywhere via the internet and allows us to quickly put up photos and videos. We encourage you to create a profile if possible so all updates are sent as notifications. We have begun to use text messages to supplement the website and twitter so please ensure that mobile phone numbers are up to date.

Useful Information

Headteacher	Miss. J. Tumelty
Postal Address	St. Gilbert's R.C. Primary School. Cambell Road, Winton, Eccles. Manchester M30 8LZ
Telephone No.	0161 789 5035
E-mail Address	stgilberts.rcprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk
School Website	www.stgilbertsrc.co.uk
Twitter	@stgilbertsrc
Chair of Governors	Mrs. Anne-Marie Horrocks
Postal address	C/O St. Gilbert's R.C. Primary School Cambell Road, Winton, Eccles. M30 8LZ

September Rota

Yellow Group	Green Group	Blue Group
Keisha Grace Eliza Zakk Millie	Robyn Mason Noah B Maksymilian Isabella Victor	Aoife Freddie Samuel H-J. Samuel B. Hanna
<u>Initial Visit:</u> Thurs. 6 th July 9.15-10.30 a.m.	<u>Initial Visit:</u> Thurs. 6 th July 1.30-2.45 p.m.	<u>Initial Visit:</u> Thurs. 6 th July 9.15-10.30 a.m.
<u>Group Visit:</u> Tues. 5 th Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.	<u>Group Visit:</u> Tues. 5 th Sept. 1.10-3.10 p.m.	<u>Group Visit:</u> Wed. 6 th Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.
<u>Part-time: (Mornings)</u> Mon. 11 th Sept.-Fri. 22 nd Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.	<u>Part-time: (Afternoons)</u> Mon. 11 th Sept.-Fri. 22 nd Sept. 1.10-3.10 p.m.	<u>Part-time: (Mornings)</u> Mon. 11 th Sept.-Fri. 22 nd Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.
<u>Start full-time:</u> Monday 25 th September 8.55 a.m. - 3.10 p.m.	<u>Start full-time:</u> Monday 25 th September 8.55 a.m. - 3.10 p.m.	<u>Start full-time:</u> Monday 25 th September 8.55 a.m. - 3.10 p.m.

Red Group	Orange Group
Pippa Barineme Archie Igor Oliver	Antoni Harvey Renee Phoebe Hadley
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<u>Group Visit:</u> Wed. 6 th Sept. 1.10-3.10 p.m.	<u>Group Visit:</u> Thurs. 7 th Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.
<u>Part-time: (Afternoons)</u> Mon. 11 th Sept.-Fri. 22 nd Sept. 1.10-3.10 p.m.	<u>Part-time: (Mornings)</u> Mon. 11 th Sept.-Fri. 22 nd Sept. 9.00-11.00 a.m.
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Letter Formation

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff
Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll
Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr
Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx
Yy	Zz				

Number Formation

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

Please write your child's name like this:

Sound	Read, Write, Inc Handwriting Rhymes
a	Round the apple and down the leaf (apple)
b	Down the laces to the heel, round the toe (boot)
c	Curl around the caterpillar (caterpillar)
d	Round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet (dinosaur)
e	Lift off the top and scoop out the egg (egg)
f	Down the stem and draw the leaves (flower)
g	Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl (girl)
h	Down the head to the hooves and over his back (horse)
i	Down his body, and a dot for his head (insect)
j	Down his body, curl and dot (Jack in the box)
k	Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg (kangaroo)
l	Down the long leg (leg)
m	Down Maisie, over the mountain, over the mountain (Maisie and mountains)
n	Down Nobby, over his net (football net)
o	All around the orange (orange)
p	Down his plait and around his head (pirate)
q	Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair (queen)
r	Down his back, then curl over his arm (robot)
s	Slither sown the snake (snake)
t	Down the tower across the tower (castle tower)
u	Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle (umbrella)
v	Down a wing, up a wing (vulture)
w	Down up, down up (worm)
x	Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side (exercise)
y	Down a horn, up a horn and under his head (yak)
z	Zig - zag- zig (zip)

Holiday List 2017-18

AUTUMN TERM

School Opens

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

School Closes

Thursday 19th October 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017*

SPRING TERM

School Opens

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Monday 26th February 2018

School Closes

Friday 16th February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

SUMMER TERM

School Opens

Monday 9th April 2018

Tuesday 8th May 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

School Closes

Friday 4th May 2018

Friday 18th May 2018

Wednesday 18th July 2018*

*** SCHOOL CLOSURES AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 1:30 P.M.**

Staff Inset Days

- Friday 1st September
- Monday 4th September
- Friday 20th October
- Thursday 21st December
- Thursday 19th July