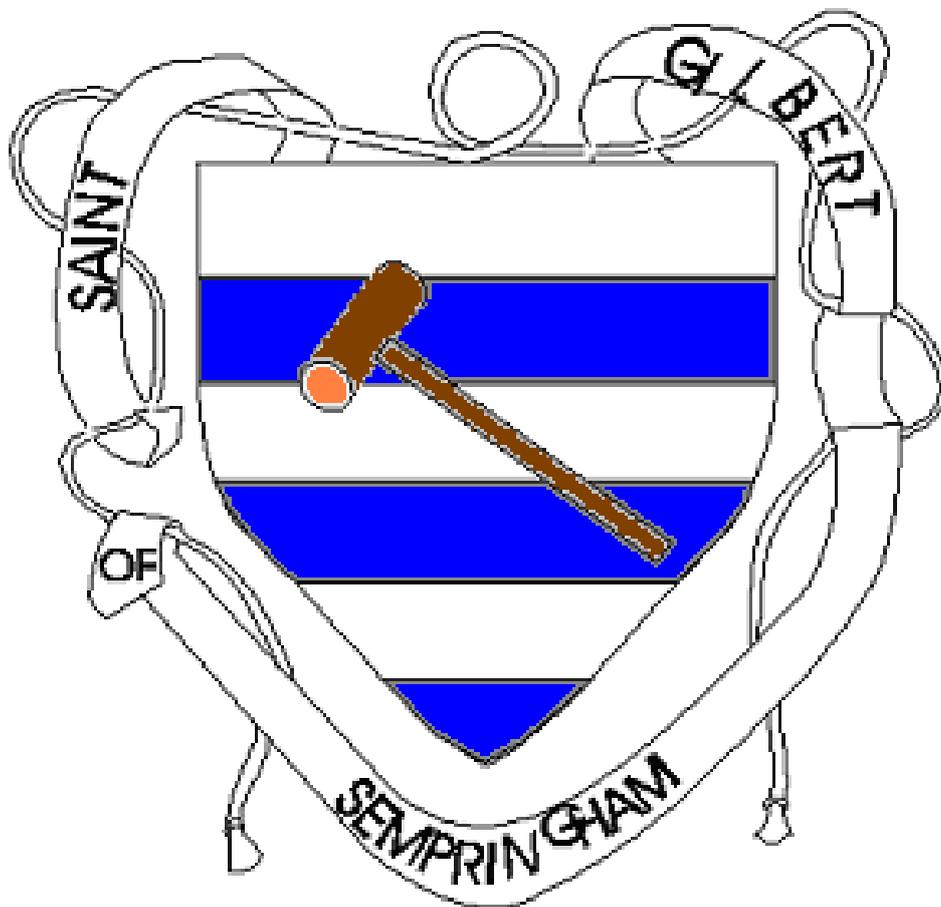


St. Gilbert's R.C. Primary School

Reception Brochure



2017-2018

This brochure aims to give you information about St. Gilbert's Reception Class. We would like to welcome all of you and hope that your children 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 Reception. These achievements will be shared with parents throughout the year and a written report is given at the end of the year, summarising progress. We welcome parents' contributions to the achievement profile of their child.

The School Day

The Reception doors are opened at 8.50 a.m. and closed at 8.55 a.m. The school day finishes at 3.15 p.m. (Lunchtime is 11.50-1.00.) It is essential to inform the Reception staff or the office if anybody different is picking up your child. We do not allow any child to leave the school 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 School

The new term starts on **Tuesday 5th September**. 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.)

Schoolwear

Uniform

Boys

Black trousers

White shirt with full collar*

Pale blue school jumper or sleeveless jumper from PSU*

Blue checked tie from PSU

Black socks

Black shoes-**preferably no laces**

Blazer from PSU (optional)



Girls

Blue checked pinafore from PSU (or checked trousers)

Pale blue school jumper or cardigan from PSU

White blouse with reverse collar*

Black shoes-**preferably no laces**

Black socks or tights

Blazer from PSU (optional)

*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.

***Shirts/blouses**

In the Reception class the children are often involved in 'messy' activities such as painting, chalking, baking, sand and water play and playdough. For this reason **short-sleeved** shirts or blouses are more suitable.

P.E. Kit

Blue shorts
 Pale blue T-shirt from PSU
 Black pumps-(preferably with Velcro fasteners)
 Trainers for outside use
 Dark colour jogging pants & jacket/hoodie when weather is colder
 (The kit should be brought to school in a named P.E. bag.)

**Wellingtons**

The children have regular access to the outdoors. Please could you make sure that your child has some wellingtons (name inside), so that they are able to go outside in all weathers. The wellingtons will be kept in school.

Safety

Please avoid jackets/coats with tie toggles and gloves 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.

(This includes P.E. kit and pumps.) Jumpers, cardigans, ties, shirts, blouses, trousers, pinafores all need to be labelled as they often get mixed up whilst changing for P.E. If you write on names with an ordinary pen please remember they wear away after a while. Children also take off shoes in role-play areas so try to put their initials inside.

Meals

All Reception children are entitled to free school meals but can bring a packed lunch if they choose. (Packed lunches **should not contain fizzy drinks or sweets.**) There are two choices available each day. If your child has any special dietary requirements please let us know as soon as possible, preferably before September.

Milk

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.

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. The children may take this bottle home every day or leave it in school until Friday. We will refill them as necessary. We always send the bottles home on a Friday so that they can be washed thoroughly. (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.)

Playtime Snacks

St. Gilbert's School is involved in the 'Healthy Schools' initiative and we do not allow the children to bring sweets to school.* The children are provided with one piece of fruit a day from the national 'free fruit' scheme.

*Children may bring sweets to share, for their birthday, but please **do not send in lollipops** for health and safety reasons. If you are sending cakes, please send cupcakes rather than one large cake. (This is not an expectation!)



Reception Fund

Reception fund continues the same as in our Nursery, **£38 for the year.** This is incredibly valuable and pays for consumable resources such as tissues, wet wipes, prizes, baking, craft supplies, celebration days in association with topics being studied, which are not funded by the authority but considerably improve the provision for your child. (Ideally this should be in a separate envelope.) You may wish to pay £1 each week or alternatively pay by termly as follows

Autumn term - £14

Spring term - £12

Summer term - £12

Money

Any money sent into school should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, amount and reason for payment. Payment for trips is now only accepted through 'Parent Pay.' If you do not have an account, please ask the office staff to set one up for you.

School Wallets

After a few weeks in the Reception class, the children will receive a reading book. Children will be allowed to bring this home when they have a school wallet. We ask that all children have a St. Gilbert's wallet, rather than another bag, as the books do not get spoiled and they are much more suitable for bringing home letters etc. It is very important that parents/carers check these wallets every night for important letters, accident notes, messages 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

If your child is absent from school, a telephone call of explanation is required or it will be marked in the register as an 'unauthorised absence.' Parents should always telephone school on the **first** day of absence. Children arriving after the register has been closed will receive a 'late mark.' Family holidays during term time will not be authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances.

Late Arrivals

If you arrive late in the morning (after 8.55 am) you should bring your child to the front of school (Reception/Office). The Reception classroom door will have been locked for security reasons.

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 staff in school. Asthmatic inhalers are kept in the classroom.



Reading, Writing and Numeracy

Many of you will want to help your children to learn to read and write letters and numbers. 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. You will be invited into school to learn more about the scheme and how you can support your child at home.

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

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