



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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PROSPECTUS

Every child can benefit from a Catholic education

Welcome to St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School

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WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School is a family. We are a very large, happy, diverse and united family – we are strong because of our differences and because of the way that we successfully work together.

We believe that the 'special feel' at St Margaret Clitherow's comes from our caring, supportive and friendly environment. We love the children entrusted to us and take great pride in nurturing their academic, social and personal skills. We want our children to feel valued and an important member of our school family and wider community or as one ex-pupil perfectly articulated it, 'Everyone is somebody at St Margaret Clitherow's School'.



Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust welcomes you to St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is a family of 38 schools where learning takes place in communities inspired by Christ. We celebrate the individuality of each school within our Trust and our Catholic and Christian values form the foundation of our identity and purpose. Rooted in our ethos, our vision is for every pupil to leave us empowered to use their unique, God-given talents to make a positive and lasting impact on the world. All our schools promote the dignity, self-esteem and full development of each person and are places of inclusivity and respect for all. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are already part of our community, you will be met with a warm and genuine welcome.



VISION OF THE SCHOOL

We are very proud of our strong Catholic ethos, standards and pastoral care, nurturing our young people as they continue on their faith journeys. At the heart of St Margaret Clitherow's is a clear commitment to Catholic values: the education that the pupils receive has the Gospel values at its core and we wholly embrace our school motto of 'Jesus is at the heart of everything we do'.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of St Margaret Clitherow's, fully commit to lives of virtue and wholly embracing our school motto:

Jesus is at the heart of everything we do.

We ASPIRE to be the very best version of ourselves and strive to ACHIEVE by using the unique gifts given to us by God.

Knowing we have been lovingly and wonderfully made by our heavenly Father, we promise to LOVE AND PROTECT ourselves and others - within our school, parish and global family - giving PRAISE AND WORSHIP to our Creator, as we glorify Him by our lives.



STARTING SCHOOL

If you would like to apply for a place at St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School Nursery, please visit our school office and complete an application form or alternatively ring the school office on **01642 835370** and we will send an application form out to you.

Any questions you have regarding a place within our Nursery please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be happy for you and your child to visit our school to see what it is like.



ADMISSIONS

If you would like to apply for a school place at the start of Reception at St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School, you must apply directly to Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

If you have any questions about admissions, you can contact the school admissions team by emailing schoolsadmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

You can also contact the team by calling **01642 837740**. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Please note - to find out about your application for a primary school place, you will receive a letter or email once they have an outcome.

SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

[DOWNLOAD](#)

SCHOOL CHOICE ADVISOR

The School Choice Advice Service is an independent and impartial service available to support parents and carers who are applying for a school place for their child. Through the service, you can access information and guidance about local schools and the school admissions process. If you have any questions and concerns about applying for a school place and to provide further information and support.

Contact the School Choice Adviser
Email: christine.morris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or
Telephone: **01642 444539**

MID YEAR ADMISSIONS

If you are applying for your child to join St Margaret Clitherow's outside of the normal application process for Reception children (e.g. any other year group at any time of the year – Mid-Year Allocations) you would apply to Redcar and Cleveland Admissions Department. NPCAT admissions criteria will still need to be followed.



CURRICULUM

We are committed to providing a rich and ambitious curriculum, in line with the National Curriculum, that helps every child grow in knowledge and confidence.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully organised so that learning builds step by step across each year group and key stage. This helps children make connections, strengthen their understanding and remember more over time.

We place a strong emphasis on developing vocabulary and use clear, structured teaching approaches to support effective learning.

KS1

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), our aim is to build on children's early experiences by developing strong foundations in reading, writing, speaking and mathematics, while also nurturing their social and emotional growth.

Children begin to develop greater independence, learn to work collaboratively and build an awareness of the wider world through a broad and creative curriculum. As children transition from the play-based, small-group learning of the Early Years, they gradually adapt to more whole-class teaching, with phonics and reading forming a central part of everything we do. A wide variety of carefully chosen books, matched to each child's ability, helps to foster a lifelong love of reading.



KS2

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6), children build on the strong foundations laid in the early years and Key Stage 1, developing deeper knowledge and understanding across subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science and the wider curriculum.

Alongside academic progress, we place great importance on nurturing independence, resilience and social responsibility, helping pupils to grow into confident and reflective learners. The consistency of continuing with the same schemes introduced in Year 1 supports children's learning and enables them to make secure progress.

As they move through Key Stage 2, pupils are encouraged to take on greater independence and responsibility, with many taking on leadership roles that allow them to contribute positively to school life. These opportunities help children to develop maturity, self-confidence and a strong sense of community, preparing them well for the transition to secondary school.





SCHOOL DAY

NURSERY SESSION TIMES

8:45am - 11:45am | Morning session
12:15pm - 3:15pm | Afternoon session

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Reception - Year 6

8:45am | Soft opening
8:55am | Start of the school day
3:05pm | End of the school day

WRAPAROUND CARE

At St Margaret Clitherow's, we have a breakfast club and after school club to provide out of school hours child care for the children who attend our school.

Breakfast club begins at 7:45am and doors close at 8:30am. The children are provided with breakfast, a drink and access to activities.

Breakfast club costs £2 per day and must be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance via Parent Pay.

Our after school club runs from 3:05pm - 5:45pm. Children can take part in a range of activities and a light tea is provided e.g. beans on toast.

The after school club costs £6.50 per day and must be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance via Parent Pay.



ATTENDANCE

As with all aspects of a child's life, it is the parents/carers who have a pivotal role in ensuring their child's best interests are taken into consideration at all times.

The law in relation to the regular attendance of a child at school is strict in the application of this responsibility. At Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust, we want to support our parents/carers in carrying out this responsibility but at the same time, we will tender challenges where a child's level of attendance falls behind expectations.

To this end, the policy is robust in its early identification of attendance concerns and structured to ensure the appropriate level of support is put in place.

We also recognise that at times difficulties may arise within a family, which can impact upon a child's learning and school attendance. In such cases, it is important for a parent/carer to speak to a person within our school, who in confidence, will listen and discuss the best way forward.

At St Margaret Clitherow's, we offer a network of pastoral support. We believe in working closely with the pupils and parents/carers to ensure a child's education is not interrupted and they can continue to attend school regularly.



PE

At St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School, we believe that Physical Education and sport have a vital role to play in the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of our children.

We ensure that our PE curriculum is accessible to all and that we maximise the development of every child's ability and achievement whilst ensuring that all pupils know more about physical activity and keeping healthy.

We ensure that our PE curriculum meets the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum programme of study. We aim to deliver a fun, high-quality physical education programme that inspires all pupils to succeed. Pupils develop an understanding of the interpretation and application of movements, rules and tactics attached to different activities and how to evaluate and judge their own and others' performance. We are passionate about the need to teach children how to cooperate and collaborate with others, as part of a team, understanding fairness and equality to embed life-long values.

We recognise that PE is a vital part of school life and ultimately children's future wellbeing. Our inclusive, broad and balanced PE curriculum ensures that all pupils will benefit, whether through enhancing existing skills, learning new skills or being introduced to new sports, clubs, teams and organisations.



UNIFORM

At St Margaret Clitherow's, we take great pride in our uniform.

It provides a symbol of our commitment to the school and its practices and most importantly makes us all look and feel the same, all equal members of God's family. The purple represents the new millennium, a time of preparation in the Catholic Church and outstanding achievement.

School Uniform Requirements

- White shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Grey trousers, grey skirt/grey pinafore dress or *tartan skirt/tartan pinafore dress
- Purple jumper or cardigan (available from local supermarkets) or purple jumper/cardigan with school badge logo*
- School tie*
- Plain black unbranded footwear

*These items can be purchased from our school supplier Lollipops, 20 Norfolk Place, Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough, TS3 7PA, telephone number 01642 225827. <https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/>

Please note that trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material

and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles. We strongly discourage the wearing of expensive clothing items as the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing.

PE Kit

(Please note that the majority of your child's PE lessons will be undertaken outside)

- Trainers
- Plain navy blue or plain black PE shorts/skirt or plain navy blue or plain black jogging bottoms/leggings
- Plain navy blue or plain black hoodie/sweatshirt or purple school hoodie (available from Lollipops)
- Plain white t-shirt or white t-shirt with school badge logo (available from Lollipops - as detailed above)

All PE kit clothing should be unbranded, meaning no sports brands such as North Face, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, etc. PE kit should be worn on the days children do PE in school. This is communicated to parents/carers termly.



PUPIL OFFER

St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School is part of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. This is a family of 38 schools, including two sixth forms and a football academy.

The Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT) is committed to providing a comprehensive and enriching educational experience for its pupils. The Trust's pupil offer encompasses several key areas:

Academic Excellence

NPCAT emphasises high academic standards, aiming to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential. Every NPCAT school delivers a rich and ambitious curriculum that ensures all pupils receive the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life. The school curriculum provides a range of experiences and opportunities to develop our pupils' spiritual, emotional, social and physical development.

Spiritual and Moral Development

Rooted in its Catholic identity, the Trust focuses on the spiritual and moral growth of pupils. This is achieved through

various programmes and activities that encourage pupils to explore and deepen their faith, fostering a sense of community and ethical responsibility.

All of our schools are communities of faith, service, prayer and worship. Within our schools we have a culture of tolerance, where people of diverse identities are recognised, welcomed, respected and cherished.

We seek to ensure that every pupil and their families feel a true sense of belonging and are welcomed and accepted in their school community.

Inclusive Learning Environment

NPCAT is dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where every child can thrive.

Enrichment

Beyond the classroom, our schools provide a range of extracurricular activities, including sports, arts and cultural programmes, to promote character development and encourage pupils to explore their interests and talents.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our school meals are prepared and cooked in line with the mandatory School Food Standards.

These guidelines ensure that on a daily basis our pupils receive freshly prepared, tasty and nutritious meals.

School lunches for pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes are provided free of charge. From Year 3 onwards parents/carers are expected to pay for their child's school lunch. To pay for school lunches, parents/carers are asked to sign up to our cashless payment system 'Parent Pay'. When starting school at St Margaret Clitherow's, you will be provided with guidance on how to access this system.

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