Nursery Open Afternoon June 2024

WELCOME TO THE KOINONIA FEDERATION

It is a great privilege to be the Executive Co-Headteachers for the Koinonia Federation.

The Koinonia Federation consists of two schools over three campuses: our original school - St Mary Magdalene C of E in Woolwich, our new All Through St Mary Magdalene C of E Campus on the Greenwich Peninsula and Christ Church C of E Primary in Greenwich. Leaders have created a clear vision and direction for the school. The school's values of 'family, faith and fellowship' are rooted in the shared ethos across the school sites. (OfSTED 2018)



KOINONIA C OF E SCHOOLS FEDERATION Excellence through innovation, founded in faith since 1840.

Our Vision



A Koinonia student will go out into the world happy, courageous, resilient, motivated with a lifelong love of learning, fully equipped to make a positive contribution to society.



Senior Leadership Team at St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich



Headteacher Mrs Savva-Brown



Assistant Headteacher Federation Early Years Leader Anna Eggleston



Deputy Headteacher Mrs Badesha



Asistant Headteacher Mrs Amao Koinonia Federation Co-Headteachers Claire Harrison & Victoria Wainwright





Home School Link Worker Miss Thomas



Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion) Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Hoon



School Governors

Co-Chairs of Governors



Dr Peter Gregory



Mrs Judith Eastaugh



A message from Dr Peter Gregory and Mrs Judith Eastaugh

We write this introduction for St Mary Magdalene School, Woolwich Campus, part of the Koinonia Federation, with great pleasure and pride in the achievements of the school.

As a school we have one of the most modern and best equipped primary schools in England, specially designed and built to teach the curriculum necessary for life in the 21st century in the heart of Woolwich. More recently we have started on another excellent building project on the Greenwich Peninsula – which will be enlarged and developed as a site for both primary and secondary phases. The same dedication to care, academic achievement and success will permeate across the whole school as it continues to grow.

Thank you for considering joining us in this venture borne of faith. In fact, several aspects of the school have remained the same as when it was first founded in the nineteenth century – long before the law required an education to be provided. We certainly retain the Christian ethos, love and commitment to such service which have been central in the tradition at St. Mary Magdalene's over so many years.

As you may already know, the Governing Body is responsible for the overall running of the school. The school staff - led by both Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright, the Federation Executive Co-Headteachers is a lively, dedicated team, committed to developing both the wellbeing and education of the children here: nothing is too much trouble and parents are always able to discuss matters relating to their child with the responsible teachers and senior staff, as appropriate. As parents you are very much part of the St Mary Magdalene family and we look forward to working together with you. Please ask if anything is unclear – we want you to feel at home.

The relationship between the School and the Parish are treated very seriously. A number of special services (such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter) take place in the Church building. It is a delight to share these times with the children and their parents. Other services may take place in the School Hall – the same ethos is maintained whatever the venue.

From the very start of their time here until they leave, we are confident that your child will enjoy their learning and flourish as they grow as young individuals who participate in our community. Please do all you can to fully join in the whole life of St Mary Magdalene C of E School. There are many generations who have already enjoyed their start in life here developing a love of learning in a warm Christian context. Thank you for considering our school and helping to continue to make it a special community.



Admin Staff



Administrative Officer Miss L Etherington



Administration Assistant Miss Nembhart



Communications

Senior Leadership Team members will be present on school gates every day. They are always happy to talk to Parents and Carers if they have any questions or queries.

If you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, please speak to them at the beginning of the day or make an appointment through the school office.

The school will be sending regular newsletters, emails and text messages regarding your child's school life.



Nursery Staff



Class Teacher Mrs Turner



Teaching Assistant Mrs Rao



Arbor

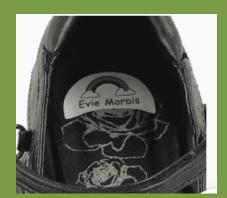
The system for school payments is called 'Arbor'. To use the Arbor you will need to create an account to make online payments for your child's School Meals via their smartphone app or website. You can view school meal balances and top-up at any time.

We will notify you by text or email, when new items such as school trips or capitation are available for payment onArbor. You will also be permitted to give online consent, where required, for your child to take part in activities or trips. This system will reduce the amount of cash being carried by students, as you can make payments 24-7.



Clothes labelling

Please label <u>all your child's belongings</u> clearly with their name, including their shoes and school bags.











School Uniform

School uniform comprises of:

Grey skirt or trousers or pinafore dress, dark yellow polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt

and/or a dark grey fleece

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Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – black in colour

Small studs and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time

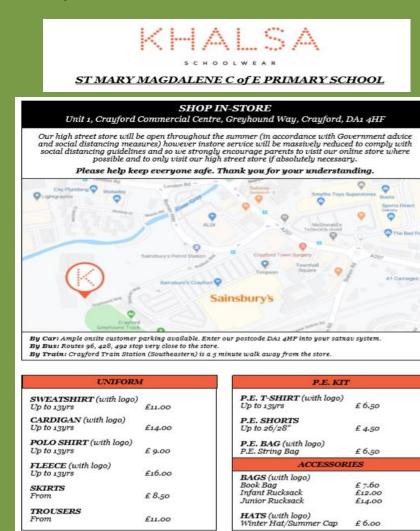
In the summer boys are allowed to wear grey school shorts and girls are allowed to wear red checked dresses.





Buying school uniform

You can purchase school uniform at our school suppliers shop, Khalsa Schoolwear.





Book Bags and Home School Reading

Your child is requested to bring their book bag to school every day to allow the school books to be <u>changed</u> <u>once a week.</u>

There will be <u>a day</u> allocated for your child's books to be changed and this information can be found in your child's reading record book.

We encourage Parents and Carers to support your child in daily reading and make short comments in their reading record books.







School Dinners/ Packed Lunch

Full time Nursery children are entitled to a free school meal.

Alternatively, your child may bring a healthy packed lunch – sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks are not allowed.



Your child will receive fresh fruit every day which is free of charge.

If you wish your child to have milk at school please fill in the leaflet that can be found in the Nursery pack and hand it in to the school office.









Going to the toilet



It can be very worrying if a child cannot manage to go to the toilet without assistance. There are often stiff fasteners, particularly on school trousers or tights which can be tricky. So a few practice sessions are worthwhile before they start school. Do reassure your child that they can always go to the toilet when needed.

During class time whether they are inside or out they can access the toilet independently. All children should know how to flush the toilet after use and wash their hands.



School Day



We offer part time (8.40-12.40) and full time places (8.40-3.10).



Early Morning

Part Time Nursery session begins at 8:40am and finishes at 11:40am.

<u>Full Time Nursery</u> begins at **8.40am** and finishes at 3.10pm.

On your child's arrival they will have to find their name and place it on the self- registration board. Then they need to hang their coat up as they enter the Nursery. You will need to label your child's book bag clearly and they will be shown where to put their book bag in the red buckets provided in the Nursery entrance.





Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

After your child has self-registered they are then free to go and choose a variety of activities that they are interested both inside and outside the nursery environment. These activities change daily and cover the seven different learning areas of the Early Years Curriculum. These are as follows:

- Personal, Social, and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

TAPESTRY – this is a learning APP which enables you to look and comment on your child's learning. Login details and passwords will be given to you in September.



Reminders for Parents

<u>Punctuality</u>- To arrive on time with your child and pick them up on time.

<u>Uniform</u>-This is not compulsory but if your child wears the school uniform please name label their items of clothing particularly their jumpers, cardigans and coats.

<u>Reading</u>-Staff will be providing you with a story book to read to your child weekly. These books will be changed at the beginning of each week. If you would like another book to read to your child please feel free to ask a member of staff and we will happily do this.





<u>Birthdays</u>- We are more than happy to celebrate your child's birthday with us by singing songs and dancing.

The school does not permit birthday cakes and party bags.

<u>School Trips</u>- We organise regular school trips. On a school trip you will have to come with your child as there is a ratio of one child to one Parent/Carer.

We schedule for special people to visit Nursery to consolidate their learning.

<u>Jewellery</u> –If your child has earrings please make sure your child wears studs to nursery as they will be very active on a daily basis doing PE, Dance, climbing and jumping, only to mention a few!







Koinonia Federation Website

Please visit the Koinonia Federation Website for more information regarding your child's learning.

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FAMILY FAITH FELLOWSHIP



A message from Rev Dominic Hubbuck



Rev Dominic Hubbuck is our Federation Chaplain and the Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry.

Rev Dominic visits each school campus at least once a week. If you would like to talk to him, please contact the school office.



We look forward to meeting your child and your family at St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich Campus in September.

We will ensure that your child has the best start in education.



