

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK



Mission Statement
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our Church, our world.
Jesus is our guide: let us follow Him.

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At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed
to Safeguarding Children

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

We hope that the information set out in this handbook will help you throughout your time with us. If you have any questions please ask the class teacher in the classroom next door or ask the class teaching assistant.

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The Mission Statement, recited daily as a prayer by staff and children, acts as a constant reference point for behaviour and life, rooted in a Christian search for excellence in everyday life.

KEY TIMES AND DAYS

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.45 am	Classroom doors open; children begin to arrive
8.50am	Official start of the day
9.05am	Registration (Dinner & Main Register)
10.40 - 11.00 am	Morning break
12.00	AM Nursery session ends
12.00 - 1.15 pm	Lunch break infants
12.00 – 12.30pm	Lunch break nursery
12.15 – 1.15pm	Lunch break juniors
3.15 pm.	School Closes - Infants
3.20 pm.	School closes – Juniors

Our school Rights

At our school:



We all have the right to feel safe.



We are ready to learn.



We respect ourselves, others and the school environment.



We always try to be the best that we can be.

Checklist for Volunteers

Morning:

- Greet the children and supervise them in cloakroom area
- Morning prayer straight after registration (unless there is an early assembly)
- Ensure that the external door to their own classroom is unlocked during school hours as it is a fire exit

Before Lunch:

- Tidy up the classroom before lunch
- Say lunchtime prayer before dismissing class

Lunchtime:

- Ensure classroom is ready for afternoon session
- Have some rest time!

Afternoon Session:

- Check children have homework/reading books etc
- Ensure classroom is clear and tidy at end of afternoon and chairs are stacked

After School:

- General tidy up in the classroom

ACCIDENTS

It is important to report these immediately and seek advice. Reports must be entered in the accident book which is kept in the Medical Room. All head injuries must be reported to the child's parents immediately by telephone or by note. Any serious injuries to be reported to the Headteacher, the Office Manager and the Health and Safety representative.

CHILD PROTECTION

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for all child protection concerns is the Headteacher (Carmela Puccio). Andrew Peck (Assistant Headteacher) and Amy Coleman (Assistant Headteacher) are the Deputy DSLs. **All concerns must be brought to the immediate attention of the DSP or the DDSP.** You will usually be asked to record your concerns using CPOMs following a discussion, this will be completed with the DSL or DDSL.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR BREAK / LUNCHTIME

Emergency assistance cards are attached to each of the bells and are also available in each classroom. A walkie talkie is also available on each playground.

In the classroom, the phone may also be used to contact the office. 200 - Mrs Streeter. 201 - Mrs McTait. 202 - Mrs Purtow. 203 – Headteacher.

FIRE DRILL

Please read the Fire Evacuation Procedures that are displayed in your class register. You are responsible for ensuring that any adults or visitors working under your supervision are aware of the procedures.

Continuous ring of the fire bell is the signal for immediate evacuation of the buildings. Children, under the direction of their teachers, will leave the classroom in an orderly manner and proceed to:

JUNIORS - the KS2 playground

INFANTS - the KS1 playground

The children will line up in register order in silence.

Where possible the teacher should bring the register out of the classroom in order to take an immediate roll call. If it is not possible to take the register with you, you should count the number of children present whilst waiting for the office staff to bring out the dinner register for a roll call. If a child is missing, this should be reported immediately to a senior member of staff. The teacher should also bring the class inhalers with them.

On leaving the building, external doors should be closed behind you. In the event of a bomb warning or other evacuation emergency, no bell will be rung, instead a message will be delivered by word of mouth. If you are informed of a "Code 1" alert this means the children need to be evacuated outside until the police have confirmed that entry is allowed back into the school building or until a decision is made to move to Roebuck School, our designated place of safety.

A "lockdown" would happen if a person who is considered to be a danger was on the school site or nearby. If you are informed that a "lockdown" was in process, please shut the blinds in the classroom and lock the classroom door.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hand bags and personal items must be locked away in a school locker or in the main office. Mobile phones are only allowed to be used in the staff room or off site. Smoking is not permitted on site.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Staff should be familiar with the policy and **immediately raise any concerns with the Health and Safety Representatives** (Amy Coleman & Paul Ryan) and the Headteacher.

MEDICINES (see policy)

Inhalers for asthma will be kept by pupils in the designated place in the classroom. Epipens are kept in the unlocked labelled cupboard in the medical room. All other medicines must be handed in to the office with the accompanying authorisation completed. A list of children with allergies is on the medical notice board and teachers are given a list of children with medical conditions at the start of the school year. This list is updated as and when necessary.

SICKNESS - children

Any child who seems to be ill should be sent to the office. Please avoid sending pupils up unnecessarily.

TOILETS

Any child who needs the toilet during break must first ask permission. Pupils should be encouraged to use the toilet during the play and lunchtime break, rather than disrupting lessons. All toileting accidents must be attended to by a member of school staff. **However, no child should be forbidden to use the toilet if he/she needs to. We all get caught short at times!!!!**