



Communicating Love; Inspiring our  
Community to Flourish

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# Parent Information

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# Our School

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## Vision

At St Gabriel's CofE Academy, our vision is that we are always:

Communicating Love; Inspiring our Community to Flourish

Love one another as I have loved you - John<sup>13:34</sup>

**Communicating** – Founded on Rugby's historic Mast Site, we seek to continue the tradition of communication, reaching out to each other and the world, being open, honest, welcoming and outward looking.

**Love** – representing the core value around which all our relationships and working is based. We seek to weave this into the fabric of our School, explicitly shown, sought and encouraged as our primary motivation for our actions. It represents our Christian teaching of God's great love for all his children and is inclusive of those from all faiths and no faith.

**Inspiring** – encompassing all aspects of our operation, our curriculum, worship, behaviours, and wider provision. It is the passion we have for seeing our pupils fulfil their potential and instilling in them a curiosity, love of learning and aspiration for their future which liberates others to do the same.

**Community** – we are a family, sharing in each other's joys, triumphs and failures. Working as a team, we take great care of each other and our wider families, achieving more collectively than we can apart. We look outwards, daring to be a force for good in the community we serve and are at the centre of.

**Flourish** – representing our deep desire to see our pupils thrive in every way; to develop academically, physically, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally to be citizens in a future they are well equipped for. We are a pillar of our wider community empowering them to flourish as they support us.

## **Ethos**

At St Gabriel's CofE Academy everything we do is underpinned by our loving, distinctive and inclusive Christian ethos. We want the best for our children; with love as our core value and primary motivation we ensure every decision and every action we take is with the best-interests of the child at the forefront of our thinking. We communicate God's love and hope for the future to the children in our care and the community we serve by providing the best possible educational experiences and support for children and families. Experiences which are deeply affecting, inspiring confidence and fully equipping our children for their future, enabling them to flourish and fulfil their potential. We recognise each child is gifted with unique skills, talents and interests and place an equal emphasis on developing the whole child in every way:

Academically – encourage excellence, striving to make great progress

Physically – grow healthily with increasing skill and respect for our bodies

Mentally – secure a healthy, joyful, mature outlook, building resilience

Spiritually – develop an appreciation of beliefs, their impact and influence on our lives

Morally – mature in an understanding of behaviour, law and ethics

Socially – build and maintain healthy relationships as a collaborative community

Culturally – identify the responsibilities and opportunities presented in our society

Our Ethos is supported by our Christian Values.

## Our Values

<b>Love</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>Integrity</b>
Forgiveness	Family	Humility	Hope	Honesty
Compassion	Friendship	Dignity	Support/Challenge	Wisdom
Kindness	Service	Equality	Courage/Responsibility	Trust
Peace	Generosity	Thankfulness	Resilience	Justice

At St Gabriel's CofE Academy we live our values:

Our relationships are built on love and forgiveness; we learn and live in community with each other, serving one another generously; we humbly treat everyone with equal respect; we courageously strive to grow in every way with a hope for our future; we maintain our integrity, building trust through honesty.

## Safeguarding

We believe that ensuring the safety and promoting the well-being of our children is the most important job we do as a school. We seek to intervene promptly when concerns arise and also to proactively teach our pupils the skills and knowledge they need to keep themselves safe. This belief and these practices are integral to our provision.

As parents and carers, you can help us in a number of ways:

- Ensure absence or lateness is reported promptly
- Notify the office if there is a change to address or emergency contact details
- Ensure we know the arrangements for pupil collection in advance
- Only seek entrance to the school through the main reception and sign in
- Ensure no hazardous objects or materials are brought to school
- Encourage healthy eating
- Ensure the school knows any medical conditions affecting your child and that any required medicines are provided and named
- Keep an open communication with the school if there are any matters affecting your child
- Be vigilant and report concerns to the school
- Carefully monitor your child's online activity and communication and promote safe internet use

## **Uniform**

Uniform is available to purchase through the school office. Our smart uniform reflects the high standard of personal conduct we promote with our pupils.

### **Compulsory items available to buy through the school office:**

Knitted St Gabriel's logo V-Neck jumper (£15.00-£18.00) or cardigan (£18.00-£21.00)

Striped St Gabriel's clip-on or flat tie (£5.00)

### **Compulsory items purchasable from a variety of retailers:**

A collared white shirt or blouse (not a polo).

Dark-grey trousers or shorts, skirt or a pinafore dress.

Black shoes (not trainers or pumps).

Grey, black or white socks.

### **Compulsory P.E. items purchasable through the school office:**

St Gabriel's crested white polo shirt. (£6.00)

St. Gabriel's crested grey sweatshirt. (£8.00)

### **Compulsory P.E. items purchasable from a variety of retailers:**

Black shorts.

Trainers.

White socks.

Plain black jogging bottoms for winter months.



*Pupils are required to change into their P.E. kit during the day.*

**The following additional items are available to purchase:**

St Gabriel's crested reversible rain coat and fleece. (£23.50)

Children should not bring pencil cases to school as all stationery will be provided.

**All school uniform and personal belongings must be named.**

**Please avoid jewellery and make up** – rings, bracelets and earrings can get caught and cause injuries.

**Volunteers**

As a school, we welcome the contribution to school life our families can bring. If you feel you are able to donate your skills, knowledge or time, please do let us know; we are always grateful for support offered.

## Our Curriculum

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The purpose of our curriculum at St Gabriel's is to equip our pupils with the tools they need to live fulfilled lives and prepare them well for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life; helping them flourish in our community. Through our curriculum we strive to captivate, excite and instil in our children a lifelong love of learning.

### **English**

Our English curriculum centres on engaging with quality texts and source material to create meaningful learning experiences. Every element of the English curriculum is linked under the theme of the text being studied to promote cohesion and motivation for our pupils.

### **Mathematics**

Our Maths curriculum places understanding, creativity, excitement and perseverance at the heart of the learning experience. We present teaching and learning which is rooted in a purpose – a context from real-life or topic linked – and use the scenario to develop mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem-solving.

### **Science**

Our Science curriculum promotes deep curiosity about the world around us and seeks to develop both knowledge and skills which support children's development as scientists. Links with broader topics are explicitly made to help establish a network of understanding for our children.

### **Foundation Subjects**

Our foundation subjects - P.E., Art & Design, Design & Technology, Computing, Geography, History, Languages, Music, Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) - combine to deliver a rich, broad and balanced curriculum allowing our Vision – for our children to flourish in every way – to be realised.

## **Religious Education**

Our inclusive Christian ethos permeates the curriculum in the perspectives and values we share and through our times of collective worship and reflection. Special care is taken to ensure the beliefs of children from all faiths or no faith are valued, respected and shared as a community of learners.

## **Special Educational Needs**

Our philosophy is to provide the appropriate support and challenge at every level to ensure our pupils flourish and reach their potential. A key aspect of this is in our response to pupils with Special Educational needs or disabilities and the responsibility of all staff to collaborate in meeting need. All staff at St Gabriel's CofE Academy work in collaboration with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities coordinator and our learning mentor as well as other agencies to support our children.

## **Homework**

At St Gabriel's, we believe that homework should deepen and consolidate children's learning and add to, not detract from, family time. Homework is set to support children's development and provide positive opportunities for families to spend time together. We utilise a range of online platforms to ensure homework is both engaging and supports children's understanding of their class-based learning.

## The School Day

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### Outline

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**8:45am School Gates and Doors Open**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 enter through their classroom doors.

Year 2 enter through the Key Stage 1 Entrance.

Year 4, 5 and 6 enter through the Key Stage 2 Entrance.

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**8:55am Main School Gates Close**

If children arrive after this time, they will need to enter through the main office.

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**9:00am School Doors Close and Registers Taken**

Children will be marked as late if they do not arrive in class before 9:00am.

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**10:45am Whole School Assembly**

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend our **Friday** celebration assembly every week.

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**11:15am Playtime**

Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit and a bottle of water. We ask that snacks are fresh or dried fruit.

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**12:30pm Lunchtime**

Menu choices for school dinners will be available for parents and children to choose in advance; payment will be via ParentPay.

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**3:15pm Hometime for King, Bell and Braille classes**

Reception and Year 1 are dismissed through their classroom doors.

Year 2 are dismissed through the Key Stage 1 Entrance.

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**3:20pm Hometime for Berners-Lee, Hopper, Jackson and Gutenberg classes**

Year 3 and Year 6 are dismissed through their classroom doors

Year 4 and Year 5 are dismissed through the Key Stage 2 door.

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**3:30pm After School Clubs Begin**

Children are supervised between hometime and 3:30pm by staff.

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**4:30pm After School Clubs End**

Children are collected via the Main School Office.

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## **Wrap Around Care**

Our before and after school care club (Angels) is provided by The Old Station Nursery and operates in the morning from 7:30am until 8:45am and in the afternoon from 3:15pm until 6pm. Drop off and pick up for Angels Club will be via the external signposted gate and not through the main school. All enquires, applications and payment should be directed to The Old Station Nursery Ltd:

[houlton@theoldstationnursery.co.uk](mailto:houlton@theoldstationnursery.co.uk)

## **Parking**

We appreciate how important it is for our families to be able to drop off and collect their children from school in a convenient, safe and timely way. If you are in a position to walk, ride or scoot to school, we would encourage you to do so. There are a limited number of parking spaces on the school site. We ask that drivers do not park on the verge and park with awareness of and respect for the safety of our children and the wider community. Please do not park in the disabled bays and do not drive or park on the pedestrianised area outside reception.

## **Collection and Walking Home**

All children must be collected by a responsible individual who is aged 16 or over. In each child's registration information, it must be indicated who will generally be responsible for collecting each child.

Of course, as a school, we understand there are occasions where there needs to be a change of collection arrangements, where possible, communicate this to the school office before 1:30pm so the information can be passed on to class teachers.

If parents of children in Year 5 or Year 6 wish for them to walk or cycle home, this must be communicated in writing via registration information or letter to the school office otherwise children must be collected.

## **Lunches**

Hot meals are available and are cooked on-site daily in our kitchen. Menu options are available in advance and include a main, vegetarian and jacket potato option with a salad bar.

Meals cost £2.35 but are **free for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils (Universal Infant Free School Meals UIFSM).**

We would encourage as many pupils as possible to take up the offer of a hot, healthy and nutritious meal served daily.

**No nuts or food containing nuts is to be brought into school.**

## **Pupil Premium - Free School Meals**

Even if your child is entitled to UIFSM, you may still be eligible for Pupil Premium funding which provides the school with additional income to support your child as well as free school meals for children in KS2. For further information and to make an application, please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>.

## **Parent Pay**

St Gabriel's is a cashless school. All monies for school lunches, trips and uniform must be paid via ParentPay. On your child's first day, we will set up an account and provide assistance in how to use this facility.

## Staff List

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### **Headteacher**

Mr A Taylor – Designated Safeguarding Lead

### **Assistant Headteachers**

Mrs B Garner – Deputy Safeguard Lead, Lower School Lead

Mrs R Roberts – Upper School Lead, SENDCO

### **Teachers**

Mrs B Dowler – Curriculum and Assessment Lead

Miss A Magowan – Reception Teacher

Miss K Randle – Year 1 Teacher

Miss G Bailey – Year 2 Teacher

Mrs R Roberts/Mrs B Garner – Year 3 Teachers

Miss M Pearce – Year 4 Teacher

Miss R Coulson – Year 5 Teacher

Mrs J Bemrose – Year 6 Teacher

### **Additional Teachers and Teaching Assistants**

Miss S Reed – Wild School Leader

Miss H Wright – Upper School

Miss G Shinner – Upper School

Mrs L Fuller – Upper School

Mr R Healey – Reception Class

Miss K Kazimierczak – Lower School

Miss L Keegan – Lower School

Mrs C Black – Lower School

Miss M Ponter – Learning Mentor and Family Liaison

Mrs J Simmons – French Teacher (5/6)

### **Office**

Mrs C Carter – School Business Manager

Mrs H Wilmot – Office Manager

Mrs K Hunt – Receptionist/Office Administrator

Miss C Larkin – Finance Assistant