

## **Reception School starting dates**

Your child's starting date is 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Your child will stay for mornings only 9.00am till 11.30am until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, when your child will be full time 9.00am till 3.15pm.

**Please note** that due to the current coronavirus situation dates and times might change. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Breakfast club and afterschool clubs are available. Please contact the school office for more details.

## **School uniform**

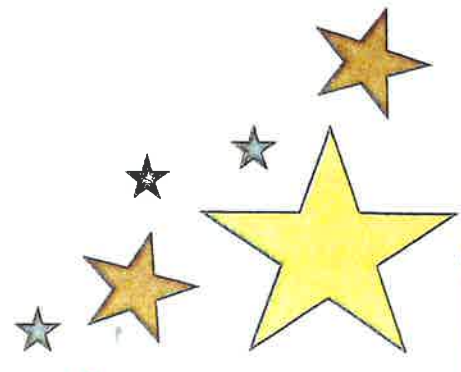
School uniform may now be ordered online and delivered to your house.

Order St Austin's school uniform from the following website:-

[www.touchline-embroidery.net](http://www.touchline-embroidery.net)



Welcome  
to  
St. Austin's School



ST. AUSTIN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Foundation Unit

RECEPTION CLASS

May we welcome you to St. Austin's School. We hope the information contained in this pack will be helpful to you giving details of organisation and the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Our name and address is:-

St. Austin's Primary School,  
Heath Street,  
Thatto Heath,  
St Helens.  
WA9 5NJ

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is any particular problem or if you require any further information. The school telephone number is 01744 678000.

Email address – [staustins@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:staustins@sthelens.org.uk)

PEOPLE WHO WORK HERE

Mrs J.Leck - Reception Teacher  
Foundation Stage Manager

Mrs C.Kearsley - Teaching Assistant (Reception).

Miss F. Fishwick – Nursery Teacher

Mrs E.Murphy – Teaching Assistant (Nursery).

## Our Aims in Reception

In the Reception class:-

- We aim to provide your child with a happy, safe environment in which your child will have access to quality education.
- We aim to lay a foundation for children to build upon for the rest of their lives.
- We aim to develop the child emotionally, intellectually, morally, socially, physically and spiritually.
- We aim to meet each child's individual needs, using the medium of play.

The role of parents is important in a child's education. We aim to develop a partnership between parents and staff, which will hopefully enhance children's learning.

Children will be encouraged to:-

- Develop their independence and become active learners, progressing at their own pace.
- Make decisions and solve problems.
- Express themselves, ask questions and make enquiries.
- Be co-operative, responsible and confident.
- Believe in themselves and their achievements.

## Play and Learning In The Foundation Stage.

The Foundation Stage curriculum is organised into seven areas of Learning.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive arts and design

Parents are children's first educators. Here are some of the ways that you can continue to help your child prepare for school:-

- Encourage your child to count things at home – the number of stairs on the way to bed, how many chairs needed at the table, pairing of socks, reading car registration plates etc.
- Look at books together.
- Talk about favourite stories.
- Let your child see you reading and writing.
- Make lists together; write their own name on birthday cards.
- Letter sounds (play 'I spy with my little eye').
- Draw pictures together.
- Look out for words and numbers in the environment.
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes and songs with your child.

Remember, your child is learning every day just by noticing the things you do and by copying you.

## Things to know

- School begins at 9am and finishes at 3.15pm.
- Please bring your child onto the school playground at 9am every morning where they will be met by the Reception teacher and teaching assistant.
- Please pick up your child from the school playground at 3.15pm. Let us know who will be collecting your child for safety reasons.
- We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per week. This money helps us to buy resources, snacks and also goes towards educational visits for your child in the Foundation Stage.
- Milk money is currently £2.00 per term.
- Let your child wear his/her school uniform before their first day at school so that they can get used to it. Please make dressing and undressing easy with lots of velcro fastenings and elasticated waists.
- Your child may bring a water bottle into school. Water only and please put your child's name on the bottle.

### Things to know ( continued) .....

- We recommend your child has a school reading bag. Reading bags are a great way to keep reading books, homework and letters in good condition.
- If your child is unable to come to school please phone the office 01744 678000 ASAP.
- There will be two parent afternoons during the year to give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.
- Children will be given a daily snack of milk and fruit.
- For health and safety reasons no child is allowed to wear stud earrings, sleepers or jewellery. Please avoid sending your child to school with anything that may be lost or damaged.
- Please put your child's name on **all** clothing, P.E kit/bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoes, Wellington boots etc.
- Children are not allowed to bring their own toys from home into school. This prevents toys from being broken or lost. Also toys from home can cause distress amongst other children.

## Our Mission Statement

**St Austin's is like a star where the light inside each one of us shines brightly.**

**As a team, we support, value and respect each other.**

**As a family, we ~~use our talents to be the best that~~ we can be; following the path of Jesus as we**

**Grow In Faith Together**





**I am going to**

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**This booklet is all about me**



**My name is** .....

**My birthday is on** .....

**My address is** .....

This booklet is designed to form early links between home and school.

Talk to your child about starting school when you complete this book together. Your child can give this booklet to their teacher on their first day at school.

The information you include will help your child's teacher get to know your child.

# I can tell you all about myself

My name is .....

The colour of my hair is

.....

My eyes are

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My birthday is on

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I am ..... years old

My house number is

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The town where I  
live is called

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The name of my  
road is

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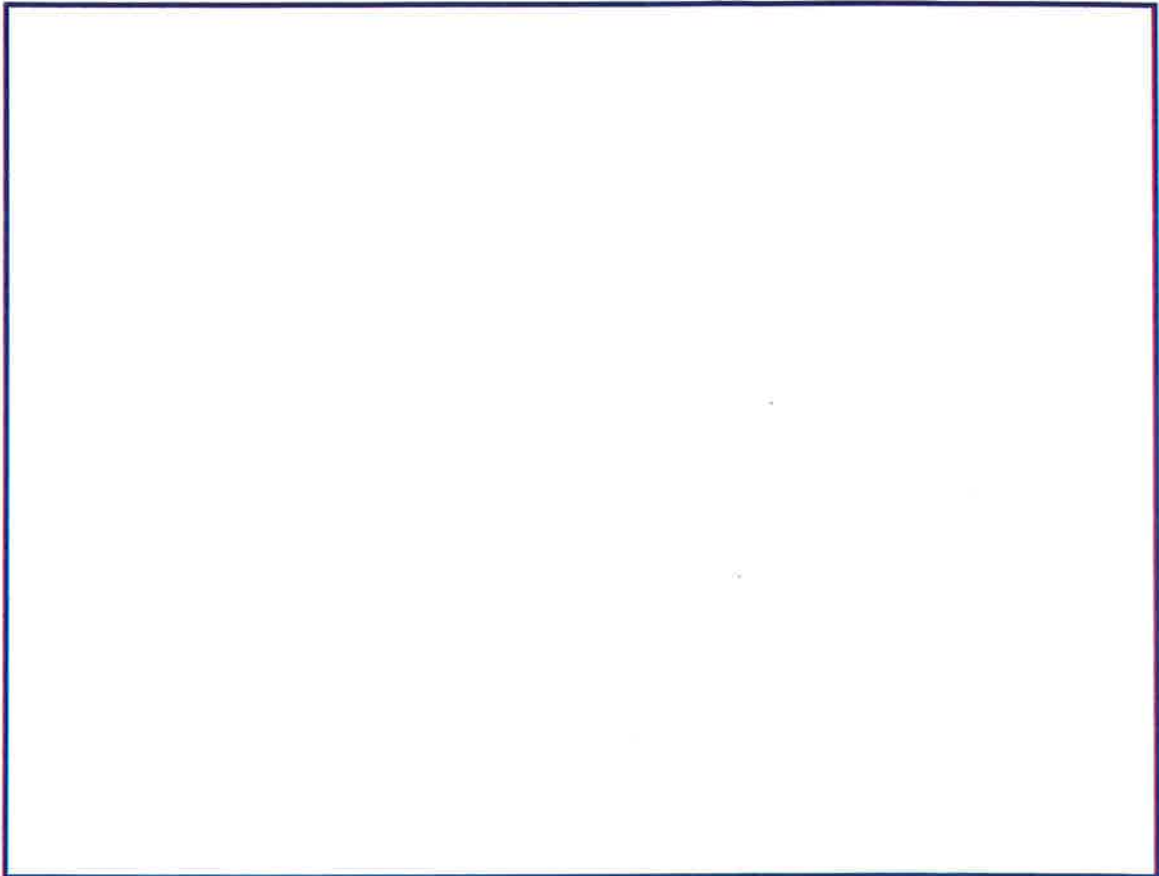
These are the people who live in my house:

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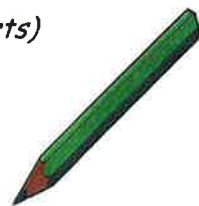
## Things I can do

I can use crayons/pens to *scribble / draw pictures*  
Here is one of my pictures:

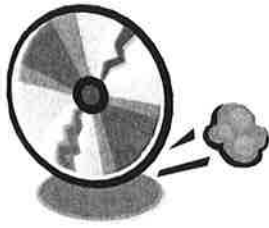


*(Encourage your child to work independently and praise their efforts)*

This is how I try to write my own name:



# Here are a few of my favourite things ...



I like listening to

*stories / songs / music*

My favourite song/story is .....

My favourite place is .....

My favourite food is .....

My favourite form of comfort is .....

My favourite toys are .....

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Things that make me feel happy .....

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Things that make me feel sad .....

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Things that might frighten me .....

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## Looking after myself

Please put a circle round the words that best describe your child

I can use the toilet *by myself / with adult help*

I wear *a nappy / trainer pants / underwear*

I need adult help to *crawl / roll / shuffle / walk*

I can *crawl / roll / shuffle / walk* on my own

I eat using *my fingers / a spoon / a fork*

I drink from a *bottle / training cup (with a lid) / cup / through a straw*

I can *take off / put on* my own shoes and socks

I will *always / sometimes / not usually* ask adults for help when I need it

I communicate with others by *gestures / sounds / talking*

I am used to being looked after by *Mummy / Daddy / Grand-parents / Childminder / other* .....

I *have been / go to* parent and toddler group / playgroup / nursery / other .....

The name of the group is .....

**St Austin's R C Primary School**  
**Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2020/2021**

<b>Training Day for Staff</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>
School opens	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
School closes	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
<b>Training Day for Staff</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020</b>
School re-opens	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
School closes	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>Training Day for Staff</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
School re-opens	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
School closes	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
School re-opens	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
School closes	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday (Good Friday)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Bank Holiday (Easter Monday)</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
School re-opens	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday (May Day)</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
School closes	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Training Day for Staff</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>Training Day for Staff</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
School re-opens	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
School closes	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021

ST. Austin's Primary School

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Parents / carers  
I/We undertake to:

- Make sure that my child arrives in school on time and is collected on time.
- Make sure that my child attends school regularly and inform the school of the reason for any absence.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines on behaviour and equal opportunities.
- Support my child in his/her home tasks and wherever possible promote opportunities for home learning.
- Ensure that my child goes to bed at a reasonable time on weekdays.
- Attend parents' evenings to discuss my child's progress at school.

Signature  
Parent/carer

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Pupils  
I/We agree to:

- Give a smile
- Include everyone
- Follow and achieve my talents
- Treat each other with respect

Signature  
Child

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## Internet Permission Form

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_

As a school user of the Internet, I agree to comply with the Internet Use Policy in place at St Austin's.

I will use the network in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school.

Pupil Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent

As the parent, or legal guardian, of the pupil signing above I grant permission for my child to use Email and the Internet. I understand that a filtering system is used in St Helens schools to prevent pupils for accessing objectionable material.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### School Web Site

As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil signing above, I give permission for the school to publish my child's work and/or photograph on the school web site, and any other publicity material, if required. I understand that personal details will not be provided and that any photograph of my child will not be linked to his/her name.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_