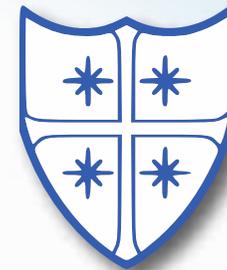


# Prospectus



St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy  
and Children's Centre

A very warm welcome to St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy.

St Cuthbert's is a happy and thriving place to learn where we work closely with parents to achieve the best for all our children.

Our goal at St Cuthbert's is to encourage all to follow our school motto: "Care, Courtesy, Concern" in all that they do. We encourage our community to: make the very best of their God-given talents; show respect to one another and be mindful acting positively towards those less fortunate than themselves. This is the heart of our catholic identity and is the basis of our children's spiritual and moral education.

We hope you find this prospectus useful and informative and that it gives some insight into daily life. The best way to get to know us better, however, is to pay us a visit and see for yourself what we offer.

We look forward to welcoming you!

*Sarah Smith*  
Executive Headteacher

# Welcome to our community



*"Leaders  
are passionate  
about improving the  
opportunities for  
pupils in this school."*

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I am delighted to introduce to you the prospectus for St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy.



Our aim is to produce a great school in which your child will thrive and flourish; happily learning and growing up. We seek to provide high quality teaching, excellent pastoral care and enriching faith development within a distinctive family ethos.

St Cuthbert's is part of the Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The Trust consists of a number of Blackpool Catholic Schools who have decided to work very closely together to support and challenge each other. The Trust is developing particular expertise in working across the different phases of a child's education to make it an enjoyable, challenging and seamless journey. Our staff work and learn together as part of this process. Our academies are part of the wider family of Blackpool & Lancaster Diocesan Catholic schools who we also work closely with.

This prospectus will give you an initial insight into the work done at St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy.

Please feel free to contact the Executive Headteacher and visit the academy to see the great work being done for yourself.

Yours sincerely,

*Stephen Tierney*  
Chief Executive Officer, BEBCMAT



*“Pupils feel  
valued and part of  
the school family.*

*The school’s work to  
promote pupils’ personal  
development and welfare  
is good.”*

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# Our Mission

Our mission at St Cuthbert's is to create a loving Catholic learning community where our children are able to:

- live life with care and enthusiasm; learn to make the very best of all our God-given talents and discover our vocation in the world;
- love life and each other; value and respect our diversity and celebrate each other's uniqueness
- share life; through being a living example of the faith in the community we serve.

By valuing each of our children as individuals and encouraging them to celebrate their unique skills and talents, we aim to foster within them an awareness of their value to our world and their ability to contribute to the wellbeing of others.

Our school motto is:

Care,  
Courtesy,  
Concern



## Our Community Learning

We believe children learn best when schools and families work together. At St Cuthbert's, this means that we start building relationships with our children's families very early, often when they are two and three.

We aim to provide high quality community facilities within our Children's Centre and café. This resource offers support to families and young people by offering guidance, advice or access to a wide range of groups, services and activities.



*“Leaders use the primary sport premium effectively to improve the development of sport. Additional sports clubs have encouraged pupils to participate in the wider curriculum and have given them the opportunity to take part in a wider variety of competitions.”*  
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Our Early Years Department now includes three age phases of learning (2-3 years, 3-4 years and 4-5 years). We offer provision for children from the term after a child is two years old and are proud of the strong links across the three learning environments. This supports highly effective transition between the classes.

Through KS1 and KS2, we provide an attractive and stimulating learning environment and an emphasis on high quality teaching and learning. A high priority is placed on using assessment tools to identify gaps in our children's learning. Our

staff then work hard to ensure that these gaps are reduced or removed entirely before a child moves on to a new concept or unit.

Learning continues beyond lesson times through the provision of a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities, both after school and at lunchtimes. A range of volunteering opportunities are also offered to children to help to develop responsibility and self-confidence and their ability to serve others.



“Children in the Early Years get off to a very good start. They make strong progress as a result of excellent teaching, strong leadership and effective support for the children and their families.”  
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*“Pupils are taught to respect one another’s opinions, culture and religion. The curriculum provides time for reflection on spiritual, moral, social and cultural themes”*

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# Our Faith Community

St Cuthbert’s is a community of faith filled with opportunities for prayer, reflection and parish involvement. We seek to help our children develop their own faith and sense of belonging.

Through prayer, liturgy and discussion, we encourage our children to develop an awareness of themselves, an appreciation of others, and a sense of their place in the world.

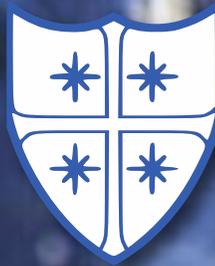
We work closely with the parish on masses and liturgies, and preparation for the sacraments. A number of parishioners also volunteer regularly in the school.

Within the school there is a strong tradition of children responding to the needs of others, and fundraising to support a range of charities is a common feature of school life.



# ST CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY





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