

St David's R.C. Primary and ELC Setting

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St David's enables all to flourish



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Welcome to St David's RC Primary School and ELC Setting! Thank you for considering us for your child's primary career. We hope you will consider joining our growing, vibrant school community. We are confident that we can provide a safe, nurturing and learning focused curriculum and engaging experiences for your child.

We are here to help and answer any questions you may have. You can access a wealth of information on our school website <http://stdavids.mgfl.net> and can follow our learning journey on Twitter @stdavidsPS_ELC. We hope this gives you a sense of our unique school community and inclusive ethos. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Gill McPherson

Head Teacher



Our vision, values and aims make up our

- heart
- faith
- body

We want to celebrate our learning journeys in our families, school, parish and community.

We value:

- **our faith** by creating a positive, inclusive environment
- **partnerships** with all stakeholders to celebrate achievements, personal success and progress made by all
- the **promotion of a healthy lifestyle** and **show respect and responsibility** for ourselves, others and our environment
- honesty, fairness, justice and equality

Our aim is to:

- create a school environment where **all members of the school community feel valued and respected**
- provide the **highest quality teaching and learning** environment with a **wide range of learning experiences** which develop creative thinkers
- work closely with the **parish**
- **plan, monitor and evaluate** teaching and learning experiences
- promote healthy and active living.

Where is my catchment school?

Not sure where your child could attend? Please check the online catchment map at:
https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/879/school_places/128/find_a_school_catchment

More questions?

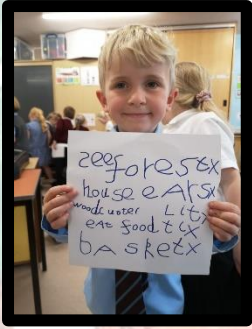
Speak to a member of your child's ELC Setting in the first instance



What to expect in P1

Currently our P1 offering:

- Includes learning outdoors
- Has a strong emphasis on play
- Is fun
- Promotes independence
- Focuses on activities approaches to teaching literacy and numeracy
- Promotes and supports wellbeing
- Children being supported by the use of visuals to know and understand the routines, structures and expectations of the learning environment



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Some things which may be of interest to you...

We are proud to:

- develop ready, respectful and safe learners who are experiencing progress and success in a variety of ways
- have an international school community made up of many different languages
- maintain strong links with Father Andrew Garden, parish priest of St David's, Dalkeith and St Luke's and St Anne's, Mayfield
- offer a broad and varied curriculum across subjects from ELC to P7
- focus on active learning approaches – working to engage pupils in their learning
- provide a varied and creative approach to Support for Learning – responding to the diverse needs across our school
- welcome and support pupils with a wide range of additional support needs, social and emotional needs and health care requirements
- have reduced the cost of the school day, offering a wide range of inputs e.g. healthy snack boxes available in every classroom
- know our families well and respond to the needs of individuals in a supportive and trusting manner
- provide opportunities to widen participation and achievement e.g. upper school learners attending Active Schools tournaments
- focus on the wellbeing of all pupils, ensuring they are nurtured and ready to learn each day
- to work closely with a range of organisations to offer targeted support and learning for individuals
- participate in a number of sporting competitions and tournaments across the authority
- recognise the importance of play and pledge 2 hours of Purposeful Play to each child each week
- have a strong partnership with Play Therapy Base and Home Link Family Support, both of whom provide a range of therapeutic services for pupils and their families
- offer opportunities to learn outdoors both within our school grounds and beyond
- to have adopted our local woodland area and to explore citizenship and sustainability themes through this unique environment
- provide regular opportunities for families to participate in their child's learning
- have achieved our Silver Sports Scotland Award (September 2019)
- have maintained our Green Flag award from Eco Schools Scotland (February 2021)
- have an active and supportive Parent Council who work tirelessly to support the school and local community

What happens if my child is successful and granted a place?

Following confirmation of your child's place at St David's (around April 2023), you will receive an invite to participate in a number of transition events with your child (these could be virtual and/ or in person). These will generally take place from mid May until early June and for some families, run through the summer and beyond to ensure a strong partnership approach and positive start to your child's Primary 1.

