

EAL Offer
October 2017



Saint Augustine Webster
Catholic Voluntary Academy



Mission Statement

The school will aim to:

- develop an awareness of God's love and presence in individual's lives and to elicit a response to that;
- help pupils to develop a reasoned set of attitudes, values and beliefs allowing the individual to make sound and moral judgements in the light of personal commitment to the Lord, Jesus Christ;
- make prayer, worship and liturgy valued experiences;
- develop real links with home and parish;
- create caring relationships with all those children and adults who are involved in the school.

Saint Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy 2017-18 Our School Offer

1. How can the Academy help my child who cannot speak English?

All staff working with your child will have taught children with English as an additional language before. In our Academy, approximately 65% of children have EAL. If your child is struggling, his/her class teacher will notice, so will the SENDCO when looking through data each term. If you have concerns, your first port of call would be to have an informal meeting with the class teacher. If your concern is of a broader nature eg speech and language, behaviour at home etc then there is assistance from Mrs Vitello, the Learning Mentor. We have created a leaflet with telephone numbers, websites and email addresses. Please pick one up from the office or find it on the Academy website www.staugustinewebster.com. We also have a team of children who are chosen for their prowess as bilingual speakers and helpers. These children (EYFS-Y6) wear special badges and can be approached at any time for bilingual assistance.

2. How will Academy staff support my child/young person?

The SENDCO is responsible for the overall provision for children with EAL at Saint Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy. The class teacher and teaching assistant will be predominantly working with your child on a day to day basis providing 'quality first' teaching. If your child needs support the class teacher will arrange this. This could include assistance from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Team consisting of Mrs A. Smolinska, Mrs A.Hussain, Mrs H.Yates, Mrs S. Begum, Miss Driffill and Mrs N Redhead.

3. How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

Quality first teaching ensures that all children have their needs met. We feel that this will result in carefully differentiated work tailored to the needs of your child. Your child will work at his/her own pace and the adults working in partnership with yourself and the child will endeavour to remove any barriers to his/her learning. We will however have the highest of expectations of your child, as we do for all children in our Academy.

4. How will I know how my child/young person is doing and how will you help me support my child's learning?

The progress of all children at Saint Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy is tracked on a termly basis. The SLT, the Class teacher and Head teacher Mrs Morrisroe discuss this information. Teachers at Parents' Meetings are requested by Mrs Morrisroe, to discuss the progress of each child with his/her parent. The teacher at this meeting will explain procedures and expectations and how parents can support his/her child. The EMA Team will be offering Parent Training events throughout the year.

5. What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

Mrs V. Beverley, the Welfare Assistant, offers medical support for all children. She is available to discuss any medical difficulties your child may have. She administers medicines and oversees personal care.(01724 843722) There are also a number of staff who have first aid qualifications. Mrs L. Vitello and Mrs S. Begum offer nurturing support in 'The Shelter' for children experiencing difficulties. For children with behavioural difficulties, Miss Driskell is able to support thereby avoiding exclusions and increasing attendance. The children receiving this support are consulted at every opportunity to improve and care for the environment in this area. Mrs L. Vitello implements the 'worry box' system. Miss Driskell implements the Peer Mentor scheme. Children with EAL have a voice in our Academy – they play an active part as members of the Academy Council, Eco Committee and the Chaplaincy Team.

6. How accessible is the school environment?

Our building is completely wheelchair accessible. However a detour from the Foundation Unit to the main hall has to be made outside the building. The Academy environment is clear of clutter and is visually bright. Signage is clear and simple. There is an accessible/ disabled toilet and shower in the main building and in the Foundation Unit. A designated car parking area is available directly outside the Academy building and an automatically opening door has been fitted for wheelchair access.

We have many parents whose first language is not English. We have Polish, Bengali and Urdu speaking members of staff who translate. Academy office staff would automatically contact the relevant member of staff if needed. The Academy website can be translated into a number of languages.

7. How will the Academy prepare and support my child to join or to transfer to a new school or the next stage of education and life?

Your child will be part of a transition programme either coming to or leaving our Academy to move to the secondary phase. In Foundation, home visits are made by relevant staff followed by sessions in the Unit before your child starts their learning journey. There are also meetings for parents arranged and led by Mrs Morrisroe, the Headteacher.

When children with EAL move into the secondary sector, the SENDCO makes links with the schools, shares relevant information, arranges meeting between parents and the new school if appropriate. She arranges extra sessions in the secondary school or visits by the secondary school to our Academy, if necessary in order to ensure a smooth transition.

8. Who can I contact for further information?

- Class teacher
- SENDCO (Mrs Wynne)
- Learning Mentor (Mrs Vitello)
- Academy website for information www.staugustinewebster.com
- Tel: 01724843722

This offer will be reviewed annually.