# Annual intake and catchment area

We serve Catholic communities from the parishes of Caterham & Whyteleafe and Oxted & Warlingham within the Tandridge district of Surrey, and welcome applications from further afield. We accept 60 pupils in our Reception classes each year.



## How to find us

The school is situated in a cul-de-sac accessed from Whyteleafe Road, which leads off the A22. We are approximately one mile from both Whyteleafe and Upper Warlingham railway stations and walking distance from Caterham on the Hill High Street.



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In God's love and inspired by our faith we respect, reflect and achieve together.

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St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

"I love school because I love to learn. The teachers are friendly and helpful and you get to have special responsibilities. Everyone is really kind and there are good chances to excel in sports and work. There are matches every Wednesday and these bring out good qualities." Year 6

# Welcome to St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

I am delighted to welcome you to St. Francis' Catholic Primary School.

St. Francis' is a caring, warm and welcoming school, where the individual gifts and talents of our pupils are valued and respected as uniquely created by God.

We value the unique strengths and abilities of the children entrusted to us and strive to provide an excellent, challenging and stimulating education, so that through our teaching the children have the opportunity to realise their full potential.

Our staff, the parents and Governors of St. Francis', together with our parishes, form a committed and valuable community partnership where we all take an active part in the children's education. We believe that through this partnership and by following the principles of our Catholic Faith, the children not only develop academically; they become confident, independent and caring members of our society with a moral responsibility towards one another.

We look forward to sharing our school with you.

#### Maria Wheeler, Headteacher

"St. Francis' School not only teaches my child about the foundations of their Catholic faith (and that of other religions too), but more importantly, helps them to live out the faith. It feels like there is a real partnership between school, parish and home that guides my child on their faith journey." **RE inspection (2017)**  "The children here work hard and are nice and friendly. We try to achieve our best." Year 4

Our pupils achieve well in all areas of the curriculum and enjoy learning. Our beautiful grounds mean pupils can take part in outdoor learning through sport and play activities, science studies and nature studies.

St. Francis' offers children a wide range of opportunities through extra-curricular clubs and activities – from Gymnastics and ICT to French and Chess clubs.

Our children are very talented in the creative arts and love to show off their talents, especially in music, poetry and drama. We have a thriving Choir and successful football and netball teams. There are many opportunities for children to participate in local parish and community events as well.

### **Ofsted Report, September 2016**

"Standards in reading, writing and mathematics are above average throughout the school because of the good progress pupils make."

"Children make an excellent start to school life because of the outstanding Early Years provision in the Reception classes."

"The imaginative curriculum excites pupils and is a strength of the school."

"It promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development very well."

We also have an independently run breakfast and after school club providing childcare options from 7.30am until 6pm.

# **Our school site**

St. Francis' is in a peaceful semi-rural area. The grounds are extensive, including two football pitch areas in winter and a circular running track in summer. There are two playgrounds, each with a shelter and playground

trail. Our outdoor areas include a pond, a school garden and two fenced Reception Class play areas.