

St CHARLES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Information for prospective parents with
children for Nursery and Reception entry in
September 2021**



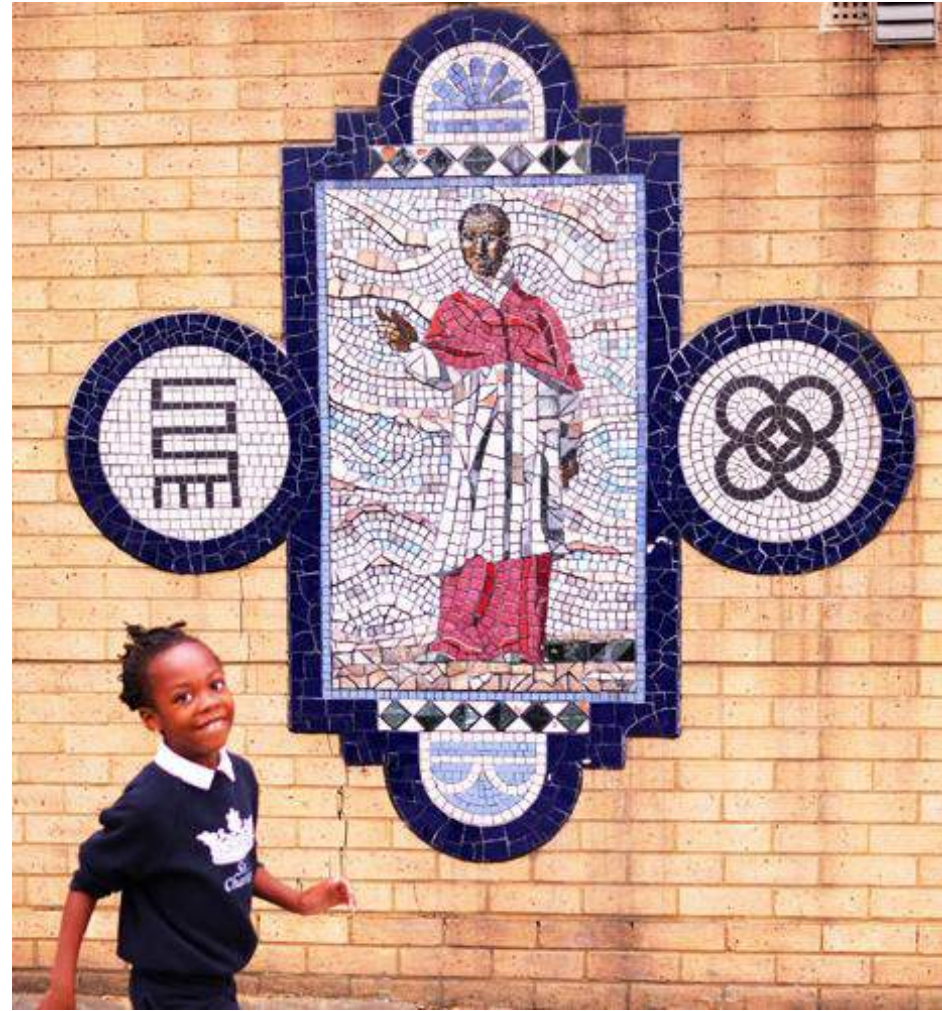
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Our Children

St Charles aims to educate our pupils to be independent, resilient, confident, respectful and polite children.

We support them through the national curriculum to achieve their potential. They will be willing to have a go, unafraid to make mistakes and learn from them, learn from others around them with a positive attitude and confident to work in a team.

We will fully prepare them for the transition to secondary school at the age of 11.



Catholic Ethos

Love God, Love Your Neighbour

St Charles Catholic Primary School exists to serve the Roman Catholic community of St Pius X and its neighbouring parishes (The Transfiguration, Kensal Rise and St Aidan's, East Acton).

We are here to educate the children in a community which has the Gospel values, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Faith at the centre of its ethos.



St Charles Borromeo

2 October 1538 – 3 November 1584

School Admissions during Covid



Normally at this time of year, St Charles would welcome parents who are considering sending their child to our Nursery or Reception classes in September 2021 to a tour of the school to meet the staff and pupils.

Unfortunately, this year a visit is not possible under current Government guidelines, so we have produced this booklet to show you what you and your child can expect from St Charles.

Please note that some of the activities shown, such as sport and music, may not be available under Covid restrictions. They will be restored as soon as it is safe to do so.

Nursery

St Charles Nursery is an excellent introduction to school life for your child.

- For children aged 3-4 years
- Class teachers supported by Early Years Educators
- Hours are 9:00 to 3:00
- Varied lessons prepare your child for Reception
- Children are taught in a child-led, stimulating environment
- Follows the EYFS Curriculum
- Well-equipped, dedicated outdoor learning areas
- Your child must be toilet trained for entry



Reception

- 45 pupils in two classes (1 x 22, 1 x 23)
- 2 class teachers supported by 2 Early Years Educators or Teaching Assistants
- Two large, well equipped classrooms
- Dedicated outdoor learning area
- Learning follows the EYFS Curriculum
- Regular assessments and support ensure pupils are ready for Key Stage 1



Academic Results

Our pupils consistently achieve well across the school.
We are ranked in the top 10% of all schools in England
and Wales for Reading and Maths.

In 2019, of the pupils who moved to secondary schools:

91% achieved the expected standard in reading

88% achieved the expected standard in writing

88% achieved the expected standard in maths

These figures are significantly higher than
the national average.

Note: There is no data for 2020 as SATs exams did not take place due to Covid.



Special Educational Needs

Our ethos is based on inclusion, we aim to help **every** child to reach their highest potential.

If a child has special educational needs, parents and school work together to ensure they are supported in an individual way to ensure they make maximum progress and achievement.

We work with many outside agencies to make sure we give the right support to each individual:

★ Early Years and Autism Team ★ Intervention Team Primary ★ TBAP ★ Early Help for Families ★ CAHMS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) ★ Social Services ★ School Nurse ★ Speech and Language Therapist ★ Play Therapist ★ Occupational Therapist ★ Educational Psychologist ★ TOD (Teacher of the Deaf) ★ Art Therapist ★



EAL (English as an Additional Language)

St Charles is very proud of its diversity...

Our children speak over 25 different languages and come from all over the world.

We offer specialised support to ensure that these children can achieve their full potential.

Year 5 & 6 pupils act as “Language Buddies”, supporting younger children in school who speak the same language as them at home.



Enrichment

St Charles makes the most of the opportunities available to us to expand our pupil's experiences, by arranging off-site trips to extend the curriculum. For example:

- ★ Into University
- ★ Forest School
- ★ Buckden Towers
- ★ PGL
- ★ Theatre trips
- ★ Royal Albert Hall
- ★ Guardian Newspaper
- ★ HMS Belfast
- ★ Wallace Collection
- ★ Maths Challenge
- ★ United Nations
- ★ Tri-Borough Sports Events
- ★ Natural History Museum
- ★ Food Explorers



Achievement for All

This year St Charles has been awarded the Quality Mark from the respected education charity *Achievement For All*, the culmination of over two years' work.

This prestigious award is in recognition of all we do to support all children and their families regardless of their challenge, need and background.



Mayor's Excellence in Music Award



We were delighted and very honoured to be selected to receive the Mayor's Excellence in Music Award for 2017.

This was awarded in recognition of the outstanding provision the School offers its children.

The award was presented to Miss Slavin (Head Teacher) and Miss Sebuyira (Music Coordinator) by Darcey Bussell during the Mayor's Education Conference at City Hall.



Counselling/Play Therapy

- ❖ We have been offering counselling to our children for over twenty years
- ❖ Our first counsellor was Sr Florence who offered 'systemic' counselling.
- ❖ Although our budgets have been through lean times, we have always prioritised this provision as essential.



St Charles Site

For a school in inner London, we are very fortunate to have access to extensive grounds that can be used for many purposes. Please take time to explore our outdoor play areas and see for yourself.



School Dinners

All children in St Charles have the option of a freshly cooked nutritional and wholesome lunch, which they can eat in the dining room with their friends.

- Meals are prepared in our own kitchens
- Salad bar and vegetarian options
- Healthy desserts and fruit available
- Cultural and allergy requirements can be catered for



PE and Sports

The School Games Mark is a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. St Charles received the Games Mark Silver Award in 2017.

In PE lessons and during lunch break we have outstanding support from trained sports professionals who organise structured activities, including:

★ Tennis ★ Table Tennis ★ Football ★
Hockey ★ Champ ★ Basketball ★ Running
Tracks ★ Cricket ★ Climbing Frames ★
Swimming ★

Please note: Some activities may not be available due to Covid restrictions



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SILVER
2016/17



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Wrap Around Care

We have a wide range of after school activities running this term, from Reception to Year 6, including...

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- KS1 Football
- Years 5 & 6 Martial Arts
- KS1 Computing
- Years 5 & 6 Police Cadets
- Years 2-5 Tennis
- Years 1-6 Irish Dancing
- KS1 Science
- Years 2-5 Dance and Drama
- Years 3 & 4 Football
- KS2 Girls Multi-skills
- KS1 Spanish
- Reception & Year 1 Ball Skills
- Years 5 & 6 Football
- KS2 Netball
- Years 4 & 5 Computer Coding
- KS2 Rugby
- Years 2-6 Multi-sports
- KS1 Art

Clubs run from 3:15 to 4:15 weekly.

Wrap Around Care



After school, Fruity Club run a homework club and fun activities from 3:15 to 6:00. Please contact the school for details.

We have a very successful, affordable breakfast club, running from 8 o'clock every morning.

Children are served cereals and toast, and have activities to keep them amused until school begins at 9 o'clock.



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Arts Mark

We promote the Arts at St Charles through the curriculum which includes drama, art lessons, dance and music.

You will see some of our pupils' work on display as you walk around the buildings.

St Charles was awarded The Arts Mark by The Arts Council of England in recognition of our excellent provision.



Artsmark
AWARDED BY ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Music Provision

In addition to the curriculum, pupils are encouraged to learn a musical instrument in school from year 3 onwards.

Twenty four pupils passed ABRSM music exams with three children achieving a distinction and seven children a merit! Grades 1 to 3 were taken on violin, 'cello, clarinet, flute saxophone and trumpet.

There are currently 80 pupils taking music lessons in St Charles, and most will aim to play in the school orchestra.



The whole of Year 5 learn to play the 'cello as a class activity!



Choirs

St Charles provides ample opportunity for children to gain confidence singing and performing in our choirs, the Senior Choir and the Young Voices...

They perform regularly, especially around Christmas and Easter, in assemblies, at Masses, in The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Christmas Festival and at local churches and hospitals.



The senior choir practice takes place every Thursday morning before school starts.



Orchestra

We encourage our children to join the school orchestra when they have progressed with their music lessons.

The orchestra currently has around 40 members and performs regularly in school and at outside events.

They are also encouraged to tackle some very inspiring and challenging pieces of music!



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Keeping Healthy

St Charles is committed to helping our children to stay healthy and have respect for the environment around them. In 2017, we won the Bronze Award for Healthy Schools. We have support from various specialists:

- MEND: Mind, Exercise, Nutrition and Diet experts
- QPR Football Club nutritionists
- Healthy Eating Campaigns
- Ecology Award: environmental course based on energy saving and recycling
- Food Explorers: Cookery and food awareness classes across school



Healthy Schools Partnership
Bronze Award



Mrs Khlaf runs the St Charles garden, where children are encouraged to plant vegetables and look after them until they are fully grown.



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Class Assemblies



Three times a year each class, from nursery to year 6, produces a themed assembly, which encourages confidence and independence in our pupils.

Parents are very welcome to come and see their children performing!

Parents are also invited to meet the class teacher, the head and deputy head after assembly for tea, coffee, biscuits and an informal chat.



What do our parents think?

Results from our recent parent questionnaire:

100% said St Charles is a welcoming school.

98.9% said their child likes school.

98.9% said the quality of teaching is good.

98.9% said their child is making good progress at school.

98.9% said overall they are happy with St Charles.



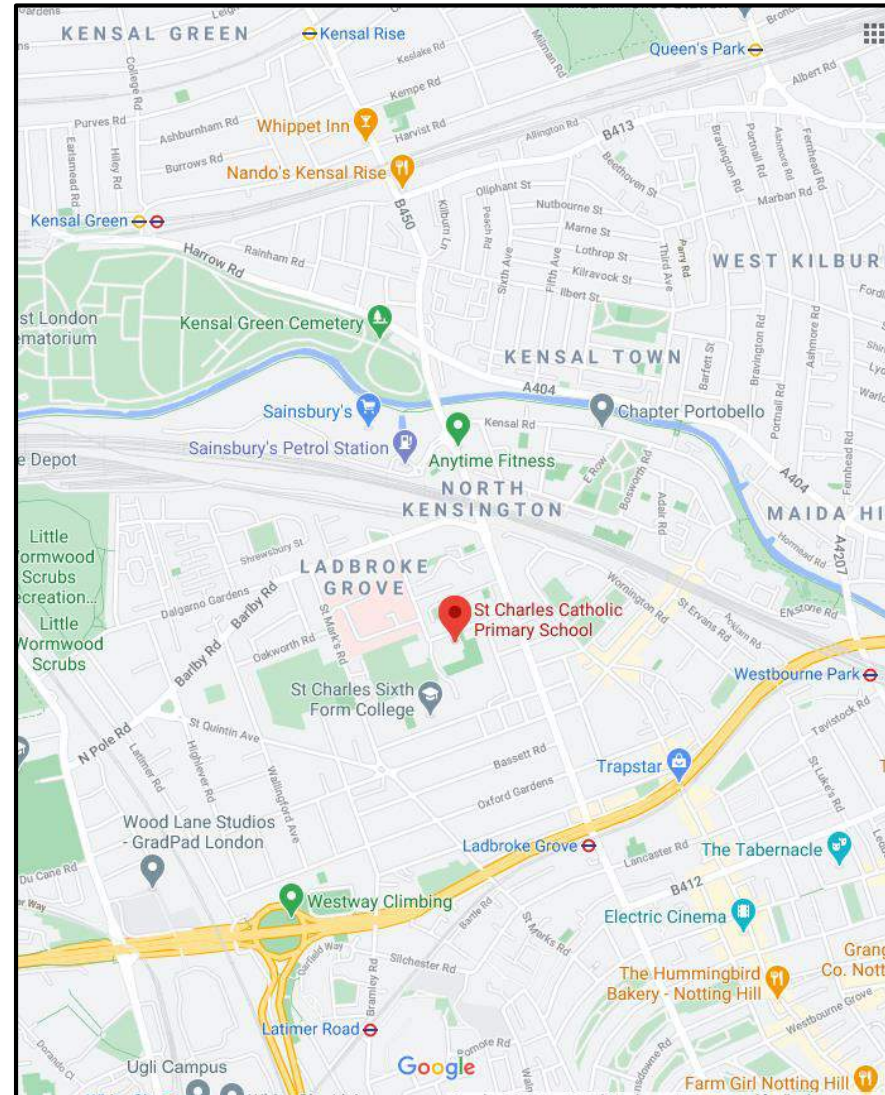
How to Find Us

St Charles is located in St Charles Square in North Kensington, close to Portobello Road and Ladbroke Grove.

It is a short walk from Kensal Rise, Kensal Green and Queen's Park.

Stations: Ladbroke Grove
Kensal Green
Kensal Rise
Latimer Road

Buses: 52, 452, 295, 7, 18
70, 23, 295, 316



News from St Charles

If you want to keep up with the latest news from the school, or for information about term dates and admissions, visit the St Charles website:

www.st-charles.rbkc.sch.uk



To find out about all the activities in school every day, why not follow the St Charles Twitter account: [@stcharlesw10](https://twitter.com/stcharlesw10)





“Thank you for your interest in our school. I’m sorry that we cannot welcome you to visit us in person, but I hope we have been able to demonstrate why St Charles is popular and successful with our parents and pupils alike.

If you have any questions or need further information, or would like to apply for a place at St Charles, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.”

Thank You!

Ann Slavin,

Headteacher of St Charles

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