

HIGHFIELD ST. MATTHEW'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Headteacher

Welcome

to Highfield St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School




Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Highfield St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School. The information contained in this prospectus will enable you to find out more about our school. It will confirm our belief that the partnership between school and home is essential if your child is to become a life long learner. We hope you feel the information is useful and we are always available if you need further information.

We are proud to be a Church of England school, and I am delighted to be able to lead such a wonderful team. Our aim is to strive towards providing the best education for all of our pupils through a creative, challenging and relevant curriculum. We are immensely proud of our pupils and want them to succeed and be the very best version of themselves.

As an academy, our school is part of LDST (Liverpool School's Diocesan Trust) and we benefit from sharing excellent practice between the central core team at LDST and other schools in the trust.

We look forward to working with your child and your family.



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Our Christian Vision

'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven' (Matthew 5:13).

Our vision inspires and challenges the community we serve to achieve excellence in all they do, and to learn about life in all its fullness, within a welcoming Christian family.

Our Christian Values

**Friendship
Thankfulness
Honesty
Compassion
Justice
Wisdom
Trust
Peace
Humility
Forgiveness
Service
Hope**

School Aims - How we will Let Our Light Shine

- Every child feels valued, safe and cared for, and makes a positive contribution to their own development and the life of the school, with Christ at its centre
- Our bespoke SHINE curriculum, based on excellence and high expectations, provides rich experiences which motivates, challenges, develops resilience and meets the needs of all children
- Every child achieves their potential and develops their talents and creativity, preparing them for a role in a global society with a lifelong love for learning
- Children & families develop understanding of a faith and Christian values that can guide their lives; knowing Jesus, and putting into action what they are coming to believe and value
- The whole school family flourishes and serves the local Church and community





Our Learning Environment

We are very fortunate at Highfield St. Matthew's that the school grounds are extensive which enable us to use both the inside and outside for extending learning.

The classrooms are located in the main building with an annexe which is home for Trinity, our on site Before & After School Child Care Provision. We also have a large school field, sensory garden, MUGA (multi-use games area) landscaped areas with climbing frames, trim trail, outdoor gym, and artificial turfing so children can access the areas all year round. Children can use these play areas and facilities during extended learning in lessons and at playtimes.



The SHINE Curriculum

“Outstanding teaching ensures that pupils are fully engaged”

SIAMS Report, 2016

Our curriculum has been designed through the National Curriculum 2014 and by collaboration between all stakeholders at Highfield St. Matthew’s C.E. Primary, to provide a unique and exciting curriculum that is created to suit our children’s needs and allow them to excel in all they do.

Our twelve Christian Values and God are at the centre of our school and curriculum.

Our SHINE Curriculum Key Principles:

Stimulating enquiring minds by providing rich and relevant experiences, purposeful and connected learning, and creative thinking

High expectations and excellence delivered rigorously through well sequenced subjects, progression in generative knowledge, rich vocabulary, concepts and skills so children know more and remember more

Inclusivity and flexibility which allows us to cater for individual needs, abilities and interests

Nurturing strong, lifelong learning behaviours – resilience, risk taking, independence, perseverance, and pride in success

Encompassing the Whole Child – developing their faith, values, spirituality, health and well-being, and understanding of the world we live in, their future role in our culturally diverse community and country where equality and tolerance is promoted

Our SHINE Curriculum is delivered through a broad and balanced approach, with a high priority given to reading and rich vocabulary.



Inclusion

Highfield St. Matthew's is an inclusive school, underpinned by our ethos and British Values. We aim to provide a welcoming, caring, happy, Christian environment, where everyone is valued equally and achieves their full potential.

We are proud of all our children's successes and celebrate them in school.

We monitor the children with Special Educational Needs and provide additional support when necessary, this could be both in class support, small group support or on an individual basis. We work closely with our families to meet children's needs.

"The school provides good care and guidance for all pupils, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities"

Ofsted, 2017





Our Community

At Highfield St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School we embrace and celebrate our local community. We believe in working together with our families and our community to provide the best possible education for our children. We provide a range of enriching activities including visits to museums, galleries and places of worship as well as receiving visitors.

We work in partnership with St. Matthew's Church and community and children in Key Stage 2 visit the Church communion service each week on a rota basis. The vicar delivers weekly worship to Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

Parents are encouraged to keep communication channels and dialogue open with school. We have a school app and website, which are updated regularly and we also use a text messaging service and online payments system. Each term parents are invited to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's attainment, progress, achievements and well-being, etc.





Beyond the curriculum

Our children have many opportunities to take part in extra curricular activities which are organised by school staff or external providers both at lunchtimes or after school.

School visits and residential visits are organised as part of the learning beyond the classroom and curriculum.

Highfield St. Matthew's C.E. Primary also has a well established and popular Before and After school child care provision called Trinity, which caters for families who require childcare provision beyond the school day.

“Leaders ensure a broad and balanced range of sporting and extra-curricular activities for all pupils and manage associated funding well”

Ofsted, 2017





Expectations of children

READY, RESPECT and SAFE

Good behaviour is a pre-requisite of effective learning and we expect all children to behave in accordance with the school rules, (Ready, Respect and Safe), which our children assisted in devising. We have a uniform policy which we expect all children to adhere to.



We expect children to be on time to start the school day and *ready* to learn. We believe homework makes a positive contribution to the learning journey of children and is an integral part of the work at the school.

These expectations allow our children the highest chances of reaching their full potential.





Admissions

Highfield St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School is a 2 form entry Voluntary Aided School, which currently provides education for approximately 530 children between 3 and 11 years of age.

Children from the age of 3 are admitted into the Nursery class and children from the age of 4 into the Reception class, subject to the Admission Criteria agreed by the Governing Body.

For all mid-year admissions prospective applications must be made via Wigan School Placements Team - for further information please contact 01942 489013.

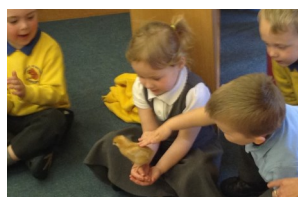
The full admissions criteria is available on our school website. Please check the following websites for further information:-

Highfield St. Matthew's website

<https://highfieldstmatthew.schooljotter2.com/school-information/admissions>

Wigan Council

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/School-Admissions.aspx>





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