

Dear Parents

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church of England School. I hope this prospectus will help you make this important decision about your son or daughter's education.

St. Andrew's has served the community of Boothstown for over 125 years, and over time many parents have chosen this school as the first vital step in their children's education. In this prospectus you will find details of the aims and values of the school, the pattern and organisation of the curriculum and the arrangements we make for the care of each child.

St. Andrew's welcomes all children, regardless of religious or cultural background, and we actively encourage the involvement of parents and members of the community in school life. We place great value on the relationship between home and school. There is a thriving Parent-Teacher Association, and in recent years we have developed other strong links with our parent community. This sense of 'partnership' has real roots and children, parents and teaching staff can be proud of their achievements in working together. The School has achieved a number of accreditations.

Although we have grown to be quite a large primary school, the educational, personal and social welfare of every single child matters. The National Curriculum is well established, and specialist Music, Choir, Dance, Sports and French lessons, along with a range of extra-curricular activities help to enrich the learning opportunities we provide. Naturally, we have every intention of making a success of each child's education, whatever their abilities or aptitudes. We pride ourselves on being a happy, secure and forward-looking school committed to the highest possible achievement on behalf of all our children.

All parents new to the school are welcome to visit St. Andrews, talk with the headteacher and staff, look around the classrooms and enjoy the company of our children before they decide whether or not to register their child(ren). If, after you have examined this prospectus, you would like to know more about St. Andrew's please contact me or visit the school.

Yours sincerely

M Platt
Head Teacher





Admissions Criteria

NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASSES

The local authority is the school's admission authority. Applications should be made to them at:

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/applyforschool>

As far as possible Salford's Admission Team will try to meet parental preferences for schools but it is not always possible to do so. Places in schools are limited by the physical space in the school.

The admissions criteria can be found at

www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-admissions/primary/admissions-criteria

OVERSUBSCRIPTION

Each school has an admission number which is based on the size of the school. If the number of pupils requiring places at that school exceeds the admission number then not everybody will be successful in obtaining a place there. This is what we mean when a school is said to be 'oversubscribed'.

If the school is oversubscribed the places will first be allocated to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school and then the remaining places will be allocated using the admission criteria:

Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children whose home address is nearest the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line using LLPG information to measure the distance between the address point of the child's home address and the centre of the school in miles. Those children whose home address is closest to the school will be those who get priority for places.

In the event of a tie, where two or more pupils' home address is the same distance from the preferred school and only one place is available, random allocation will be used. This will be carried out by an independent person. Eligible names will be placed in a hat. One name will be drawn from the hat and the remaining place will be offered to that person. This process for random allocation also applies to the waiting list where two or more pupils are eligible for one vacancy and live the same distance from the preferred school.





Admissions Criteria

CLASS ARRANGEMENTS:

How Children are admitted

NURSERY

We admit 60 full time pupils.

Children can be admitted to the nursery when they are 3+ years old provided they reach this age before 31 August in the year they are admitted.

Children usually transfer into the reception classes at the end of the nursery year when they are 4+ years old although a place in the school nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. An application has to be made to the Local Authority (LA).

MAIN SCHOOL

Applications for a place in the school are made directly to the Local Authority (LA). The School office will be able to help

There are up to 60 places in each year group, usually two mixed ability classes of 30. When children are 4+ years old (again by 31 August in the year of admission) they can be admitted or transferred to the reception classes. Usually, children transfer through the age groups until they are 11.

There are two classes in each age group, depending on numbers. These class arrangements continue right through school.

At 11, pupils normally move to a local secondary school: Co-Op Walkden Academy. Children from St. Andrew's have also been successful in gaining places at Bolton School, Manchester Grammar, William Hulme Grammar and Urmston Grammar.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Children can be admitted to St. Andrew's at any appropriate age and we are always pleased to meet new parents in person and show them around. Please telephone the school to make the arrangements, or write or call in. You will always be welcomed. All admissions are coordinated through the Local Authority.





Our Ethos and Values

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School is a happy, safe and welcoming environment where everyone is valued. Our Christian faith is central to moral development, mutual respect and an appreciation for the cultural diversity within our community. It is our intention to provide opportunities for every child to succeed and to strive towards excellence in everything they do.

We are a family, our strength is in our love and respect for one another. Together we can achieve our goal.

The Aims of the School are:

- To deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to all abilities which introduces children to a wide range of skills, knowledge and understanding
- To enable children to maximise their potential and develop their self esteem
- To create a secure, caring and supportive environment grounded in moral and spiritual development
- To encourage respect and care for others whilst providing opportunities for children to display their talents

Ofsted Report June 2024 and SIAMS Inspection Feb 2018

St. Andrew's underwent two thorough inspections. Ofsted came in June 2024 and our RE Inspection was in February 2018. The inspection was conducted on two levels - an examination of all aspects of the school conducted by Ofsted and an examination of the school's Christian ethos as required by the Diocese of Manchester

The HMI Ofsted Inspection team concluded that:
St. Andrew's is an Outstanding school.

"Pupils thrive at this school. Relationships between pupils and staff are built on high levels of trust and respect. Pupils are happy at school and delight in all that it has to offer."

The RELIGIOUS report concluded that: 'The determined and committed Christian leadership of the headteacher, strongly supported by dedicated staff and governors, influences all aspects of school improvement. This has created a distinctly Christian learning environment in which every member of the school community can flourish.'

"We are extremely proud of all these achievements. Nationally less than 10% of schools achieve this accolade and it is a fitting tribute to the hard work of our whole school community."

Mr Platt - Headteacher





Contact information

CONTACT INFORMATION

The name and address of the school is as follows:

St. Andrew's CE Primary School
Vicars Hall Lane
Boothstown, Worsley
Salford. M28 1HS
Tel: (0161) 790 2113

Email: standrews.ceprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk

Website: www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk

The Local Authority maintains the school.
Children's Services Directorate
Civic Centre
Chorley Road
Swinton M27 5DA

The Chair of Governors of the school is:
Mrs Lucy Farrell
c/o St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School
Vicars Hall Lane, Boothstown.
Salford M28 1HS

Tel: (0161) 790 2113

The Head Teacher is Mr M Platt.

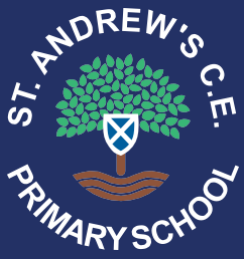
The Clerk to the Governing Body is provided by the Local Authority c/o St. Andrew's CE Primary School.

The school is classified as a Voluntary Controlled Primary School catering for Nursery children (aged 3+) and primary aged children (aged 4+ to 11+). Children normally feed in to Walkden High School at the end of Key Stage 2 when they are eleven.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The school administration staff are available to deal with parents' enquiries during school hours (8.30am to 4.30pm). Parents can make arrangements with the school office if they wish to speak to the head teacher, or any other member of staff. Members of staff can usually be seen after 3.30pm





Curriculum



THE CURRICULUM

The governors intend to offer each child an entitlement to a stimulating and exciting curriculum, which is planned, delivered and implemented to promote the well-being and development of each child. Children can expect to be given equal and challenging opportunities for self-development and achievement within a safe and secure background, which encourages excellent behaviour, responsibility and high standards.

Besides offering the core and foundation National Curriculum subject areas, the school places great emphasis on those extra-curricular activities and over-arching issues which help children face the responsibilities of later life as community citizens.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Andrew's uses the scheme devised by Manchester Diocese. This agreed syllabus includes learning about other faiths and cultures, as well as Christianity. Assemblies are used to project our spiritual and moral education; parents are invited to fully support the spiritual life of the school.

P.E. AND SPORT

The development of the "whole child" is of high importance to us at St. Andrew's. Sport is one area that we feel contributes immensely to this development. Consequently, a wide range of P.E. and games activities are provided. Sports coaches provide specialist coaching for children in all Key Stage. They take part in games such as Football, Rugby, Cricket, Volleyball, Athletics, Hockey, Lacrosse and Swimming. St. Andrews is proud of the success it gets from its sporting achievements.

In recent years our teams have been very successful in local competitions, we have been North West and City of Salford Kwik Cricket champions, winners of the All England Junior Girls' Volleyball Championships, successful in numerous netball events & competitions, as well as gracing the cabinet with many football cups and trophies. We are Salford champions in football, athletics and swimming regularly. Children in the lower key stage 2 have lessons at the local swimming pool. There is no charge for these lessons.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Children's learning is important to us, but from time to time some pupils require additional support in their learning. St. Andrew's subscribes to the recommendations of the recent legislation on Special Educational Needs that wherever possible, pupils with disabilities and Special Educational Needs should be educated alongside their peers in mainstream schools.

Our commitment to supporting our pupils' needs is reflected in the amount of support we commit to this area and the fact that pupils with special needs make good progress as a result. The governing body have a detailed policy in place and copies are available on the school website.



Information for Parents

PASTORAL CARE

We have devised a pastoral care system that ensures each individual is known not only by his/her own class teacher but also by others in the Key Stage. Staff meet regularly to discuss progress, good news and the award of "house points" in the inter house competitions.

At St. Andrew's we believe in rewarding our pupils at every opportunity. We feel that positive encouragement builds self-esteem. Therefore, each teacher gives out stickers, stars or merits on a regular basis. Children are sent to the head teacher with "Good News" and are rewarded at the weekly assembly. "Good News" letters are sent home from the head teacher to those pupils who are regularly rewarded by their teachers. The Year 6 prefect scheme helps older children to make a positive contribution to a happy school.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

St. Andrew's church holds service once month at 11.15am in the school forum (one of our halls). The forum is open for refreshments from 10.30am. Sunday services are also held at St. Mary's church, Ellenbrook weekly at 9.30am. Parents and children are welcome to take part in worship. Messy church takes place once a month after school.

CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In common with all schools the governing body has a policy for charging for certain school activities. Basically this means that we only charge parents for musical instrument tuition, the cost of cookery ingredients where parents wish to own the finished product and some elements of trips. We are also allowed to charge for board and lodging on an organised school trip or holiday when an overnight stay is involved. Even then a percentage of these charges will be paid back if a parent is in receipt of Free School Meals. We do invite donations or contributions to help meet the costs of curriculum trips in order to make them feasible.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARENTS

We endeavour to keep parents informed of events at the school in a number of ways. We have regular newsletters which go home to parents both electronically and by hand. We also have a text messaging system which allows us to contact parents at short notice i.e. if sports day is cancelled because of the weather. The school website is an excellent source of information





Before and After School

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The school also offers a club for parents requiring childcare. Breakfast Club is open 7:45am-8.55am. The After School Childcare Club (3.30- 6pm) is managed by a private provider. Further details from school. The school is also open in the evenings for a variety of community uses. Activities include Brownies, Multi-Sports, Football and Gymnastics.

SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that pupils should not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. Staff will supervise the children from the time the bell rings at 8.55am.

HOMEWORK

Every child who is capable of bringing home a reading book, has homework each evening in the form of reading practice. This is from an early age, as appropriate. As children progress into the KS 1 and 2, besides reading they are given other work on a regular basis. (See Homework Policy for more details). We ask parents to ensure that homework is completed and returned promptly to school. Your co-operation is vital.

ATTENDANCE

You can appreciate that it is very important that if your child is to be absent for any reason you let us know with a telephone call or note when your child returns to school. It is essential that we have an emergency contact number other than yourself in case of accidents or illness.

PUNCTUALITY

The school places great emphasis on good punctuality. We believe good time keeping to be an extremely good habit to learn. In view of this both the head teacher and the staff monitor latecomers. Children should be in their class lines by 8.55am.

AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS

There are a number of after school activities to which children are invited. These include - Football, Netball, Athletics, Swimming, Gymnastics, Performing Arts, Choir, Dance, Cricket and Cross-Country. Inter School matches and practices are held regularly after school, indoors and outdoors. Participation is open to both genders. Additionally, pupils in years 4 and 6 participate in a three day trip of Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

SCHOOL FUND

Sponsored events are held in order to raise money for specific projects. We ask all parents to support us generously as money raised is used to benefit the children. We currently operate a Nursery and Reception Fund for basic extras. Money should be sent into school via parent pay.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Recent legislation does not permit family holidays to be taken in term time. Permission is required from the head teacher by letter if this is unavoidable. Schools cannot authorise holiday absence, although we have the power to do so in exceptional circumstances. We will consider every request for holidays individually based on your child's attendance rate. The most important consideration is the effect the absence will have on your child's education. It is imperative that you do not ask for absence when your child is preparing for or taking tests and give the school at least two weeks' notice.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We have had a lively and extremely supportive P.T.A. for a number of years. The purpose of the association is to further foster the education of children in our school by promoting goodwill between parents and staff on an informal basis. Many of the P.T.A. organised events are, of course, of the fund raising variety - the purpose being to purchase equipment for our pupils and to bring the school community together. Your active co-operation would be very much appreciated. Please ask at the school office for further details

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have a pupil council made up of children from years 1-6. They meet with a member of staff once a half term to discuss issues that are important to them and to offer any suggestions for making school a better place.

