

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I would first like to thank you for investing a little of your time to read our Introduction pack and I hope it will enable you to get a feel for the ethos and objectives of our school as well as prove informative and worthwhile.

Our family orientated ethos stems from our desire to nurture and engage every child in a close family environment so they can be the very best they can be in every area of their development. Our motto of 'Small school. Big expectations.' holds true in everything we do. It is a mantra that pervades the school and is even emblazoned on the back of our new sports kit.

We are very fortunate to have a superb and experienced teaching staff who are fully committed to the ethos of the school and their hard work and effort makes the school and its pupils what they are. I feel that our results and the very recent ISI inspection report speak for themselves:

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, completed by children at the end of the Reception year (Prep 2), annually show our children to be working well ahead of national averages and well into Key Stage 1.

A high proportion of our Prep 8 (Year 6) children sit exams and attain places at the very best independent or state grammar schools in the area; Manchester, Bolton and Bury Grammar Schools, Manchester High School for Girls, Withington Girls' School, Urmston Grammar and Bridgewater School to name a few. This year's Leavers all achieved places in their first choice secondary independent schools. A fantastic achievement!

Additionally our most recent ISI Report from March of this year acknowledged that we are Excellent in teaching, attainment and personal development.

Our commitment to using Performing Arts in both peripatetic and curriculum lessons to reinforce the opportunities for learning has long been a traditional strength in the school. In addition there are class, choir and instrumental performances and assemblies throughout the year. At the end of the Autumn term, every year group performs Christmas productions for parents in the school hall. At Easter this year each class performed music from a different decade as parents were treated to a fantastic journey through six decades of British music and culture. And of course, our junior classes act, sing and dance in a Summer production which is shown at a local theatre. With so many opportunities to perform, parents and staff alike feel real pride in watching our pupils perform so well and with such confidence.

In sports we compete at a large number of ISA competitions and we have a number of fixtures against local schools at all ages for boys and girls. We widely use facilities in the local community to enhance the provision for sport and physical activity; from Eccles swimming pool to Clarendon Leisure Centre and Monton Sports Club. In addition, we have dance and gymnastic specialists as well as two members of staff with Sports degrees who provide valuable experience and knowledge to enhance the PE curriculum and coach our sports teams.

As a school, we are committed to maintaining and developing our excellent academic record and provision for every pupil's development and pastoral care.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.



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