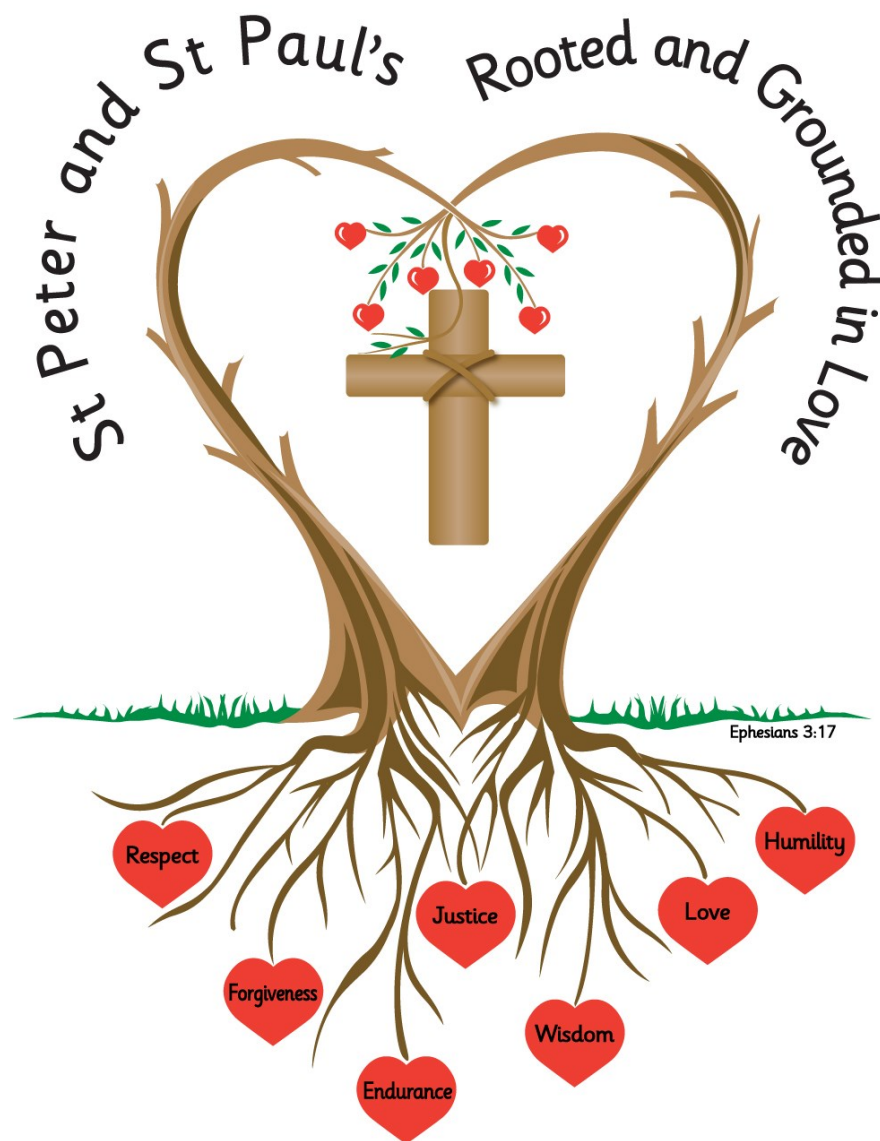


St Peter and St Paul's Church of England Primary School  
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## School Prospectus

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# Welcome to our school



We hope, from the moment you step through our door, you immediately feel a warm welcome and a sense of our school ethos of everyone being 'rooted and grounded in love'.

At St Peter and St Paul's we recognise that all children develop at different rates and with different talents. Each member of our dedicated and friendly staff is committed to helping every single child achieve their full potential including their academic, musical, artistic and sporting achievements.

We are very proud to have excellent academic results with a high percentage of our Year 6 children achieving the national expected standard in reading, writing and maths. On several occasions, we have been in the top 2% of primary schools in the country for our maths results and top 3% for our Phonics. School has been through several Ofsted inspections, including our most recent one in January 2018 when, once again, we were graded as being 'Good'.

Our previous SIAMS, (School Inspection Anglican and Methodist Schools) rated us as an 'Outstanding' Church School and we strive to be rooted and grounded in love by loving God and loving each other. By the time your child leaves us, we hope that we have been able to support you, as parents, in developing a happy, motivated and confident child, who shows consideration and understanding for others and works hard to achieve their full potential.

We believe that school should be enjoyable, fun and the best days of a child's life and we hope that we are able to share seven happy and successful years of school life with you.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Sara Clarkson (Headteacher)

# Admission to the School

Children are admitted to the school in accordance with the Admissions Policy set out by our Governing Body and in accordance with Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education and Lancashire County Council. For more detailed information please see our school website.

If you would like to apply for a place please complete the local authority online electronic form at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) (search for School Admissions)

This can be completed anytime from the preceding September, however it must be submitted before their deadline, which is usually in January. You will be informed of school places directly by Lancashire County Council in April (please check dates on their website)

Church attendance is not a compulsory part of admission to our school however if we are over-subscribed this does form part of the criteria for Admission as outlined below.

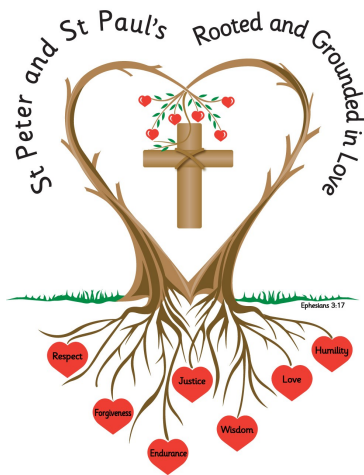
## **Current Admission Criteria**

- 1(a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.
- 1(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. (Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address)
3. Children of staff who have worked at the school for an unbroken period of at least 2 years.
4. Children whose families worship at Rishton Parish Church or another church in Churches Together in England as demonstrated by parental attendance. (supplementary faith form to be completed)
5. Children whose permanent address is within the ecclesiastical Parish of Rishton.
6. Other Children

## **Parent Visits to School**

**We would like you to see us at our best when the children are in school and if you would like to arrange a tour with the headteacher she would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you may have. Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time on 01254 884522 or by emailing [bursar@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)**

# Our Mission Statement



Jesus tells us that Christian life is...

'Loving God, above all things and  
loving each other as brothers and  
sisters'

(Matthew 22:36-40)

**At St Peter and St Paul's we strive for everyone to reach their full potential  
and be rooted and grounded in love by**

## **Loving God**

**Growing in the image of Jesus by living out  
our school core values**

Regular prayer and daily School Worship  
centred on the Gospel messages of Jesus  
Christ

Weekly celebrations of the Eucharist at  
church

High Standards of Religious Education

Liturgical Celebrations on special feasts and  
festivals

## **Loving each other**

**Loving everyone after the example of Jesus  
by living out our school core values**

Positive and inclusive school community  
where everyone; pupils, staff, governors and  
visitors are recognised and respected as a  
child of God

Throughout all our learning opportunities

Commitment to local social action and  
community projects

Commitment to charitable giving, locally,  
nationally and internationally

# Our Uniform



*School uniform is  
available to buy at Grays  
and Whittakers in  
Blackburn*

Grey or black pants/shorts/tartan skirt/tartan pinafore dress

Red checked dress with white socks (summer)

Red polo shirt

Black sweatshirt or cardigan

White socks / black plain socks under trousers/ red/grey/black tights

Black shoes (no laces for infants)

Black shorts (no skorts), white t-shirt and pumps without laces for PE

\*polo shirts and sweatshirts are available from supermarkets without logos

**School book bag** required for children up to Year 5 (the first one is provided as a gift from SFC)

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can bring a small bag instead of a book bag if they take responsibility for ensuring all items are available in class as needed.

**Hairstyles** should be neat and tidy, with long hair tied back and no extreme hair styles e.g tram-lines/shaved heads. Hair should be a natural colour only as coloured hair/streaks are not appropriate for young children in primary school.

**Hair accessories** should be plain e.g. plain headband, bobbles, slides etc.

**Nail varnish /tattoos** are not appropriate for school however we do allow an exception to this on

# School Organisation



## Classes

We are a single-form entry school with seven classes

### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Reception      4/5 years old

### Key Stage 1

Year 1            5/6 years old

Year 2            6/7 years old

### Key Stage 2

Year 3            7/8 years old

Year 4            8/9 years old

Year 5            9/10 years old

Year 6            10/11 years old

## School Day

8.55am (8.50am from Sept 23) —3.20pm

Breakfast Club from 7.45am

After School Club closes 5.45pm

### Start of the Day:

We open our doors and welcome children into school from 8.45am. The school day officially starts when the bell rings at 8.55am (8.50am from Sept 23).

### End of the Day:

The bell rings at 3.20pm and children are collected from the areas near their classrooms. To avoid children becoming distressed we ask that arrangements are in place to collect children promptly. Any children who are not collected on time will be placed in our After School Club and school reserves the right to charge parents for their supervision after this point.

# School Organisation

## Breaks

Each Key Stage has an official break time in the morning when they can have a snack and play outside.

KS2                      10.30—10.45

EYFS/KS1            10.45—11.00

Children in Reception have access to the outdoors throughout their day as part of EYFS provision and other classes regularly experience 'learning outside the classroom' as part of the curriculum.

## Lunchtime

KS2                      12.00 – 12.55

EYFS/KS1            12.00 – 1.15

Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a free school lunch. The up to date cost of lunches for KS2 will be confirmed by school. If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch from home there is the option of having a 'Friday Favourites Lunch' which can be paid for on the same day.

Reception children have their own Lunchtime Leader who is responsible for their care and they are also assisted by Year 6 children who enjoy helping to take care of the younger ones. The children are given plenty of time to enjoy their lunch and then have time to play in their own play area which is not as busy as the main playground. At 12.55 they move onto the main playground so that they can play with children in Years 1 and 2.



# Behaviour Policy

Our Behaviour Policy is firmly based on our Christian Values. We believe in the principles of positive reinforcement in order to get the best out of everybody and, in cases where there are behavioural difficulties, we aim for forgiveness and reconciliation and the need to provide support for individual children.

## The St Peter & St Paul's Way



*I treat everybody with respect and listen and speak appropriately.*

St John said, 'Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love.'  
**1 John 4:8**

*I am kind and treat everybody how I want to be treated.*

Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and love your neighbour as yourself.'  
**Mark 12:30-31**



*I always try my best and never give up.*

St Paul said, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.'  
**Colossians 3:23**

*I give everybody a second chance. When I say sorry I really mean it.*

Jesus taught us to pray, 'Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'  
**Luke 11:4**



*I am humble and proud of everybody's achievements.*

St Paul said, 'Be completely humble and gentle, bearing one another in love.'  
**Ephesians 4:2**

*I think about my actions carefully.*

The Prophet Micah said, 'Act justly and love mercy and walk humbly with your God.'  
**Micah 6:8**



*I do what is right and fair. I listen to both sides of every story.*

St James said, 'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.'  
**James 1:19**



# Our Church School Distinctiveness



## Collective Worship

We offer a daily act of Collective Worship and vary the ways that this is done to ensure that all our children and staff have the opportunity to be together in prayer. Collective Worship is led by children, staff and Father Chris and forms a strong part of our ethos.



## Prayer

Prayer forms an intrinsic part of our daily lives, with opportunities for us to pray as a class, as a school and individually. We have a prayer area in our school hall and in every classroom.

## Church Links

We are proud of our strong links with St Peter and St Paul's Church and each class takes it in turn to attend the weekly Thursday morning Service, which parents are welcome to attend. In addition to this we hold special services in church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter.



## Worship on Wednesday

Once each month we have a special family service that is made up of practical activities that are often planned and led by the children. Before this starts hot dogs, cakes and drinks are served and it is a lovely time to catch up with each other.



# Our Curriculum

## The National Curriculum

We teach the statutory elements of the National Curriculum through our own 'Creative Curriculum' which is based on a variety of exciting topics that always make learning interesting for our children. Our modern foreign language in school is German and children start this in Year 3.



## The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Our young Reception children join us with a range of skills and experiences from home and nursery which we are delighted to build on. At St Peter and St Paul's, we aim to make learning a fun and rewarding experience providing opportunities for children to explore and investigate the world around them.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is organised into six areas of learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development Communication, Language and Literacy, Mathematical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Physical Development and Creative Development.



# Our Curriculum

## Religious Education

At St Peter and St Paul's we follow the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education scheme of work for Religious Education. Opportunities are presented to acquire knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs and practices so that children are able to continue in or choose their own beliefs. Children are taught to respect each other and people who hold different beliefs from their own.



## Physical Education

We encourage a healthy and active lifestyle and all children are statutorily required to take part in Games, Gymnastics and Dance lessons. Our qualified Sports Coach leads the majority of PE lessons and children have the opportunity to develop a range of skills in each year group.

Children in the Infants have a term of swimming each year and we aim for all children to be able to swim by the time they leave us.

Our membership of the Hyndburn Sports Partnership enables us to access a variety of inter-school sporting events such as football, cricket and netball.



# Musical Opportunities

We are privileged to have a very talented musician on our staff who has a music degree and is able to support staff in the delivery of the music curriculum. In addition to this, children in Year 2 are taught to play recorder and in KS2 children have opportunity to learn how to play guitar.

There is also the option of children in KS2 attending Choir as an After School Club each Thursday and children have enjoyed taking part in Young Voices at the MEN Arena.



# Learning Outside the Classroom



# After School Activities



A variety of activities are on offer at different times of the year and these include ICT, football, netball, multi-skills, cookery, drama, musical theatre, choir, art and pottery.



# Residential Holiday

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to an outdoor activity centre. This enables the children to take part in a variety of water activities, in addition to other land activities such as obstacle courses, archery, climbing and fencing.



# Special Educational Needs

St Peter and St Paul's Primary School is a place for everyone and we are a fully inclusive school. We actively seek to remove any barriers that can affect children's learning and participation in school life and we ensure that children with disabilities have the same opportunities as non-disabled children.

## **Our Aims for SEND**

- ◇ Build upon the strengths and achievements of the child
- ◇ Create an environment in which all individuals are valued, have respect for one another and grow in self-esteem.
- ◇ Give equal access to all aspects of school life through academic, social and practical experiences. This will allow all children to experience success regardless of SEN, disability or any other factor that may affect their attainment. This is in so far as it is reasonably practical and compatible with the child receiving their special educational provision and the effective education of their fellow pupils.
- ◇ Ensure that effective channels of communication are sustained so that all persons including parents and carers are aware of the pupil's progress and Special Educational Provision (SEP) made for them.
- ◇ Assess children regularly so that those with SEN are identified as early as possible.
- ◇ Enable pupils with special educational needs to make the greatest progress possible.
- ◇ Work towards developing expertise in using inclusive teaching and learning strategies.

*If your child has special educational needs or disability and you would like some advice before applying for a place please contact our SENCO who will be more than happy to meet with you.*

# Additional Information

## Financial Support

If you are on Income Support you are eligible to apply for **Pupil Premium**. This enables your child to have free school meals and it also provides school with an additional amount of money for school that can benefit your child.

Please see link on our school website or ask the office for further information.

## Online Payments

We use an online system for any payments and details of this will be provided for you. Parents can use this to pay for school dinners, educational visits and After School Club

## Payment for School Visits

As school is not allocated money to pay for trips or allowed to ask for compulsory payments we do rely on the voluntary contributions from parents to ensure they take place. To make it as easy as possible we set these up on our online payment system at the beginning of the school year so that parents have the option of paying installments. We are also very grateful to SFC who do subsidise many of our visits to make them cheaper for parents.

## Allergies/Medication in School

If your child has a medical need please make us aware of it. If this is for asthma we ask that parents complete a medical form and that an inhaler is kept in school.

We **usually** only administer **prescribed** medication and if required more than three times a day. Please speak to us about this if it is needed.

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is essential that children attend school every day and arrive on time so that they do not miss the start of lessons.

School opens at 8.45am and the bell rings for registration at 8.55am. Any children arriving after this will be marked as late. Parents will be contacted if children are arriving late on a regular basis. If children arrive after 9.20am they will be marked as absent for the morning session and this will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

## Absence

If your child is ill, parents must notify school, wherever possible, prior to the start of the school day.

If a child needs to be absent for any other reason please notify the school office staff.

## Holidays in Term Time

Parents do not have the legal right to take children out of school during term time and we are unable to authorise any absences unless it is in exceptional circumstances. If exceptional circumstances arise, where parents decide time away from school cannot be avoided, school must be notified in advance. Exceptional circumstances do not include taking advantage of cheaper flights or holidays with other family members.

# Working with Parents

**As a parent or carer of a child in our school we enjoy getting to know you and for you to always feel very welcome in our school.**

- ◇ We keep you informed of the general life at St Peter and St Paul's through our Facebook Page, school website and newsletters.
- ◇ Staff are available in class to have a quick chat to between 8.45am and 8.55am before the bell rings or when seeing the children out at home time. Alternatively, an appointment can be made if it is something that needs a more in-depth or private discussion when children are not present.
- ◇ Family Friday every week between 8.45-9.00am when parents can pop into class to complete an activity with their child.
- ◇ Progress Reports are sent out each term.
- ◇ Superstar Celebration at 3.00pm each Friday (9am on the last Friday of the month) Children are presented with Superstar Certificates and can bring in any awards from out of school activities.
- ◇ Parents of children in Reception have photographs and information about their their child's learning and progress emailed via 2Simple app.
- ◇ Staff hold a variety of parental workshops including how phonics is taught and preparation for KS1 and KS2 Statutory Assessments
- ◇ All parents are welcome to join School Friends Club. This is made up of an amazing group of people who put heart and soul into our school helping to raise money for the benefit of the children. They certainly do put the FUN into their Fundraising and many of their events are as much for the parents and a way of getting people together.



**We hope to see you soon**



**Come and see how fabulous our school is**

