

## Sacred Heart RC Nursery

Prospectus





We hope that you will enjoy reading this prospectus; we are delighted that you are considering Sacred Heart RC Nursery for your child; the aim of this booklet is to give you as much information as we can to help you make a decision.

We are a Roman Catholic Nursery, opened on the 8th December 1993 by Bishop Kelly, with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do. Every child is unique and at Sacred Heart RC Nursery we pride ourselves on providing a nurturing environment where all children are encouraged and supported to reach their full potential. The family of Sacred Heart warmly welcomes everyone to our school as Jesus welcomes us to the family of God.

Your child's education must be seen as a partnership between home and school; the more parents and teachers can work together, the better it will be for your child's development. You are the most important factor in your child's growth to adulthood, and cooperation between us, frequent chats together and attending school functions will help your child enormously.

Please do arrange to visit us; experience for yourself the warm and welcoming atmosphere commented on by visitors to our school.

Mrs P Dungworth

Headteacher



## **Dear Parents**

Thank you for taking the time to consider our school for your child's education. As Governors of Sacred Heart Nursery we are immensely proud of the great achievements of all of our staff and pupils in providing children with the best possible education.

The Governor's role is to provide both support and challenge to the school, working together with the Head, the Local Authority and the Diocese to provide the best environment we can for your child. We look forward to meeting you and working with you in the future.

## The Governing Body

Within our Nursery the children are taught about the Word of God through the Salford Diocese recommended schemes of work. In addition to this, the Word of God is celebrated in all areas of the nursery curriculum and activities.

## Our Welfare Community

### Welfare

Every member of our school community is unique, made in the image and likeness of Christ. We support all of our families and wider community so that, together our children develop a deep understanding of God's creation and experience life to the full.

## What will my child learn about in nursery?

The aim of the Early Years Foundation Stage at Sacred Heart is to help children to thrive and develop through a range of activities whilst keeping them safe and ensuring that they reach their full potential feeling happy and secure.

### Weather

Our Nursery provides a continuous provision which includes opportunity for the children to move from indoor to outdoor provision so that children have the opportunity to learn in their preferred environment.

"But when a child is loved
Seen as precious
Listened to
Touched with reverence
Then it is at peace
It knows it belongs
It is held protected and safe
It opens without fear."

Jean Vanier.

### Uniform

Winter
Grey skirt or grey trousers
White polo shirt
Nursery Sweatshirt (available from most outfitters in Rochdale)
And sensible black shoes

Summer Blue gingham dress – girls Grey short trousers – boys And sensible black shoes



Practitioner's observations of children help them to assess the progress which children are making. Observations also help practitioners to decide, where children are in their learning and development, and to plan their next steps in learning. As parents, you play a very important part in these assessments and there are regular opportunities for you to contribute to your child's Learning Journey.

The Learning Journey which, covers all the areas of learning, will then be passed onto the school your child attends, the following September.

## **Early Years Free Entitlement**

All three and four year olds are entitled to part time Early Years funded sessions. Part and full-time places are available and can be used flexibly.

## **Fees**

To obtain our current Fees Schedule please contact the school office. If you have any concerns or questions about entitlement and fees please do not hesitate to contact our school office for further advice.

Sacred Heart RC Nursery accepts all reputable types of Childcare Vouchers.

## Witness

Our Sacred Heart family will be a witness of a loving God. We bear witness to our mission statement to nurture and support each other as we strive to live out the Gospel values in our lives.

## Key persons and your child

Our nursery has a key person system. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is particularly responsible. When your child first starts at nursery their key person will help them to settle and be your first point of contact for any concerns.

In addition to this, we also have an active 'Friends of Sacred Heart' group which, all parents are welcome to join and in school our 'Parents / Carers United' welcome you into school to work together.

Within our nursery and in main school the Roman Catholic Statements to Live By provide a weekly focus for us to be witnesses to our faith.





We are a family that worship together. Our children, staff, families and parish worship together often strengthening our relationships with God. The prayer life of our school is nurtured and celebrated and this enables us to learn how to talk to and listen to God.

## **Admission Arrangements**

Applications are welcome at the school office and can be e-mailed to you by contacting:

### office@sacredheartrc.rochdale.sch.uk

Applications are welcome up to a year in advance of your child's third birthday

Admission to Sacred Heart RC Nursery is via an alication form available at the school office and is admission criteria.

Parents are invited to and welcomed in to all of our school acts of worship and celebrations and to nursery prayer and worship.

Please note, admission into Sacred Heart RC Primary School is via a separate application and is subject to the Admission Criteria set by the Governing Body. Attendance at Sacred Heart Nursery does NOT guarantee a place at the school and parents should read carefully the school's admission criteria.



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