



St. Andrew's

CE Primary School
& Nursery



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Welcome to **St Andrew's CE** Primary School & Nursery

At St Andrew's we care about each other and our school. Our pupils, parents, teachers, governors and Trust colleagues work together to enjoy learning and inspire children to achieve success. We want to provide the best possible education for your child and for you to be a part of that learning journey.



Head's Welcome

St Andrew's CE Primary School is situated in a picturesque setting on Union Road in Rochdale.

We provide a calm, carefully structured environment which fosters positive attitudes to learning, with children enjoying challenging targets and taking pride in their achievements.

Our school philosophy actively encourages the development of high self-esteem by recognising strengths and encouraging all children to develop into confident, independent learners. The children play an active role in the smooth running of the school.

Parents, governors and staff work closely together in a supportive environment to enable pupils to flourish. Collaborative learning is important to us, and we see our links with the whole school community, Trust and professional network partner schools as essential to our future development.

I am extremely proud to be the Head Teacher of St Andrew's and very fortunate to work with supportive parents and governors, fantastic children and a talented staff.



Mrs. J A Rainford
Head Teacher

Vision

We value our kind and caring school, which looks inwards to love and care for all our children and adults, and outwards to the community it serves. Together we embrace our school values of...

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Our Aims & Our Mission

At St Andrew's we strive to enable all our children to appreciate the value and application of education in their lives.

We aim for every child to experience success and help them recognise their importance as an individual.

Our pupils will:

- be motivated to reach challenging targets across the curriculum, questioning and embracing our evolving world
- understand how to develop and engage as independent learners or collaboratively as part of a team
- be able to make informed choices to develop and maintain a healthy body, mind and spirit
- be confident and proud to achieve
- be respectful and responsible individuals who make positive contributions to the world around them



We will provide:

- a rich and varied curriculum which is relevant and inspiring to all our pupils in a Christian setting
- inspirational teaching which incorporates creative activities and investigative/problem solving approaches to learning
- an enriching programme of visits, visitors and extra curricular activities
- engaging learning environments which are well resourced, interactive and provide access to technologies
- a success culture based upon support, praise, encouragement and challenge to reach high personal standards
- an ethos of respect and responsibility to others and the environment
- an effective partnership between school, home, church and community

We work hard to make sure that our children are happy, well supported and play their part in school life.



Practical Details

Name of school:

St Andrew's CE Primary School & Nursery

Address of school:

Union Road, Dearnley, Rochdale, OL12 9QA

Telephone number: **01706 378991**

E-mail address: **office@standrewsce.rochdale.sch.uk**

Please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers in case we need to telephone you if your child becomes unwell during the day.

For health and safety reasons we ask that parents do not use the car park unless they are displaying a disabled badge or have made prior arrangements with the school.



School Day

School starts at 8.55am

School finishes at 3.30pm

Before school club is available

Monday - Friday from 8.15am

After school club is available

Monday - Thursday until 4:30pm

Charging Policy

During the year all of our children have the opportunity to take part in class visits that enhance areas of the curriculum.

We will ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these trips. Children will not be prevented from taking part, but if we do not raise enough contributions to cover our costs, we reserve the right to cancel a trip.



Our School

Thank you for considering
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This brochure is intended to provide information about our school. To find out more you may talk to myself, our parents and governors, or come and visit us. Simply contact us to arrange an appointment.

The present building of St Andrew's was opened in January 1975 with two further extensions in 2014 and 2018. A nursery building was added in 2014. We are a Church of England School with close links to St Andrew's Church.

In addition to the teaching areas, each with their own cloakroom facilities there is a school library, music room, horticultural area, MUGA (multi use games area) and nurture room. The hall/gymnasium is also used as a dining room with meals cooked on the premises.

The school stands in its own grounds and has extensive playing fields with a garden area. There are four tarmac play areas for Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.



Open Days

We have an annual Open Day during the autumn term for parents and visitors.

Opportunities for Nursery, Reception and children new to school are provided, and parents are welcome to visit the school at other times. Please contact the school for more details.





Admission Policy

St Andrew's CE Primary School is an Academy of the Watergrove Trust. The Watergrove Trust is the admission authority for the school, and the school is required to act in accordance with the School Admissions Code. The Watergrove Trust has delegated responsibility for admissions to the Local Governing Body of St Andrew's CE Primary School.

The admissions process is co-ordinated by Rochdale Council (the Local Authority). The school liaises with the Local Authority and Manchester Diocese on admissions issues. Applications should be made online at www.rochdale.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The following arrangements for admissions include the criteria used to determine the allocation of places when the school is oversubscribed.

Admission arrangements

The school's published admission number (PAN) agreed for admission to the Reception Year is 60. If no more than 60 applications are received for admission to the Reception Year, all applicants will be offered places.

The school also has a Nursery Class. Please see the Nursery admissions policy for full details. A separate application must be made for any child wishing to apply from the Nursery Class to the Reception Year in the Primary School.

Please refer to the school website for full admission details.

Attendance

Parents are asked to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually.

When it is unavoidable to have time off school, parents are asked to inform the office either by telephone or in writing. Holiday absences will not be authorised. The Local Authority will enforce the laws which require parents to ensure their child attends school regularly, and we do celebrate class attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis.

If parents are delayed in picking their child up at the end of the day, please telephone the school so we can let the child know and make arrangements for them to wait in the office.

Absence

If a child is ill or absent from school, parents are asked to inform school of the reason by 10:00am on the first day of absence.

This may be by telephone, or by word of mouth from the parent directly to the office staff or class teacher. Any absence is unauthorised until school has received confirmation as above.

Appointments with doctors, dentists or clinics should, whenever possible, be made out of school hours. As this is not always possible we do need to know in advance if such visits are to be made during school time.



School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of a blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (available from Moses School Wear); grey or black shorts or trousers, skirt or pinafore; white shirt and black school shoes (not trainers).

Children from year 2 to year 6 should wear a school tie. Blue and white striped or checked dresses may be worn in summer. The dress code for PE is a light blue T-shirt and dark blue shorts. Pumps are also required. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Only watches and small studs for pierced ears are allowed. These should be removed or taped during PE lessons.



Safety

All outer doors are securely locked once the children are inside school.

Nursery and reception children have continuous access to outdoor provision within a fenced area. Although children enter school by the doors nearest to their teaching areas, parents should always use the main entrance and report to the office staff should they arrive at an alternative time.

Keeping our Children Safe

We place a high priority on child protection and safeguarding.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy includes the training of staff to recognise and prevent abuse, empowering children to avoid and report abuse, and supporting children who may have been abused. The school has a statutory duty to act on all disclosures of abuse and will always follow the local authority child protection procedures whenever a concern is raised. Wherever possible we will try to keep parents informed at all stages of our procedures.

School Collaboration

St Andrew's works very closely with other schools, including our Trust partners.

Staff regularly undertake training sessions and other projects together, sharing ideas and good practice. The children also take part in a number of joint ventures with other schools, such as music and dance festivals, Student Council days and Sports Activities.

Behaviour

At St Andrew's we have high expectations of good behaviour.

We want your child to be happy to come to school, determined and able to do their best. Good behaviour is essential in providing a safe, calm and organised environment for learning to take place. The children chose and understand our four core values of 'Respect, Honesty, Friendship and Forgiveness' which provide our unique ethos and caring school.

Our Behaviour, Rewards and Bullying Prevention Policy is consistently applied with children understanding that there will always be consequences to their behaviour and actions. We promote positive strategies to encourage self esteem and hard work, including good manners.

We work in partnership with parents to ensure behaviour is of an acceptable standard.



Parents

At St Andrew's we are committed in ensuring the education of your child is a shared process between home and school, with children, parents and teachers each having a vital role to play.

We listen to parents' points of view and keep them regularly informed of school policies and events so they can be fully involved in their child's learning and the life of our school.

We have regular parents' meetings and workshops to keep parents informed about what their child will be learning and their progress through the year. We value our parent helpers in school and on trips, and benefit from parental responses through surveys or other forms of communication in moving our school forward.

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School Meals

Our excellent school meals are cooked on the premises with children choosing from a menu of nutritious options.

Dinner money (or trip money) can be paid via our on-line payment system or be brought in a named envelope.

Dinner money costs are published at the beginning of each year. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child please make sure you fill in the appropriate form which is available from the school office. Part of the school's budget is determined by the number of free school meals and we will lose this allowance if you do not claim.

During the lunch time period the children are supervised by Lunchtime Organisers who work closely with the teachers in ensuring a quality and safe play environment.

School milk and a healthy snack are provided free of charge for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children. Key stage 2 children may opt to pay for daily milk.



Water

The children are taught about the benefits of drinking water.

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are provided with water at regular intervals during the day. Children in Key Stage 2 are provided with a water bottle which is filled in school every day.

Healthy Schools

We see children's emotional health and well being as being fundamental to their learning, growth and development.

Our Healthy Eating Policy promotes foods such as fruit and vegetables, and discourages the consumption of foods such as crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks. In addition to dinner and play times, we also promote healthy eating and living through the curriculum.

As a result of this work, St Andrew's has been awarded the Healthy Schools Award.

The School Curriculum

The curriculum forms the basis for the learning and experiences that children have during their time at St Andrew's.

We aim for learning that broadens values and promotes aspiration. All pupils follow the National Curriculum, participating in daily English and Mathematics lessons and a balance of other subjects.

During the Early Years, the children are developing their basic learning skills through structured play, child initiated play and focused group activities. As they progress through school, learning begins to take place in a more formal situation, whilst still retaining and promoting individual enquiry and investigation.

There is a rigorous assessment cycle in place which tracks individual and group progress and benchmarks progress over time with the achievement and progress of others in the class. Regular Pupil Progress Meetings are held. School follows the government guidance for statutory assessment, and scrutinises all available data to inform school improvement planning.



Physical Education

At St Andrew's, we believe that physical education experienced in a safe and supportive environment is a vital and unique contributor to a pupil's physical and emotional health, development and well-being.

The physical education programme aims to foster pupils' increasing self-confidence through the ability to manage themselves in a variety of situations. This includes the opportunity of a residential visit for the older children.

Physical Education is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and is to be taught through all the Key Stages to all children including those with special educational needs. At St Andrew's CE School swimming is covered in Key Stage 2.



Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment opportunities are promoted and valued by the school. They support the development of children's social and inter-personal skills and positive attitudes, whilst offering further opportunities for children to work alongside people with particular expertise and different members of staff. They also give the opportunity for links with other schools through combined events and competitions.

There is a planned programme of enrichment opportunities from Nursery to year 6 including on site and off site activities.

Music provision is well resourced and there is a popular band and choir.

We offer a wide range of sport opportunities including swimming, athletics, yoga, football and dance.

Aspire

We encourage all our children to have high aspirations and provide opportunities for a range of professionals and community role models to visit school throughout the year and during 'Aspire Week'.





Pupil Voice

We value the positive contribution that our children make to shaping the vision for our school.

We have an active School Council and Eco Team who meet regularly to consider suggestions and ideas, as part of the school's self evaluation and action planning process.

Creative Arts

We offer a range of opportunities to encourage children to express themselves creatively and with confidence.

School policy aims to enable the child to develop an appreciation of art, music and dance, and to participate in a whole range of aesthetic activities. The curriculum provides opportunities for art and craft, design technology, pottery, etc.

Homework

Regular homework is set which takes into account government guidelines, and is fixed according to the age of the children.

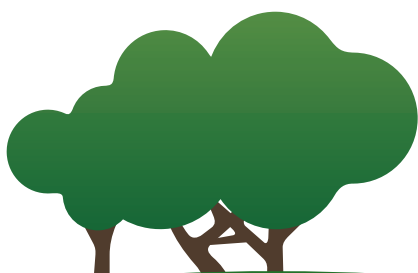
Learning Logs are also undertaken by the older children to extend children's research and presentation skills and further encourage home school partnership.

Inclusion

All children, regardless of ability, are entitled access to the curriculum, and provision is made within school for all children with additional needs.

Our Inclusion Policy ensures early identification and intervention, and regular monitoring and review of personalised programmes. The school is supported by a range of external agencies.

Rigorous tracking of pupil progress enables all teaching and learning provision is matched to the needs of the individual child, including more able and gifted and talented children. We actively seek to remove barriers to learning and participation, ensuring equality of opportunity.



Vicar's Welcome

Welcome to St Andrew's.

St Andrew's is a Church of England school which has links with St Andrew's Church here in Dearnley. We are an inclusive Church and open to all. We welcome all who seek God, regardless of race, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation. Our regular services are at 9.30am each Thursday and Sunday.

The school and church work closely together as part of a large and supportive family. The children come into church regularly during the year as part of the curriculum and for special occasions. The children also attend Church to explore the different Church seasons during the year.

You may if you haven't already, consider having your child baptized (christened) at St Andrew's as a sign of belonging to the Christian family of the church.

As a school community we try to reflect our belief in God's love for everyone by the way we treat one another and in the principles by which we live and learn together. Faith in God is an integral part of our school ethos. You will find St Andrew's to be a school that cares deeply about the well-being and happiness of each child. We work to provide a safe environment where children can grow and flourish and develop values that will sustain them throughout their lives.

As the Vicar I am often in school spending time with the children and the staff.

If you would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01706 378466.

Reverend Rachel Battershell



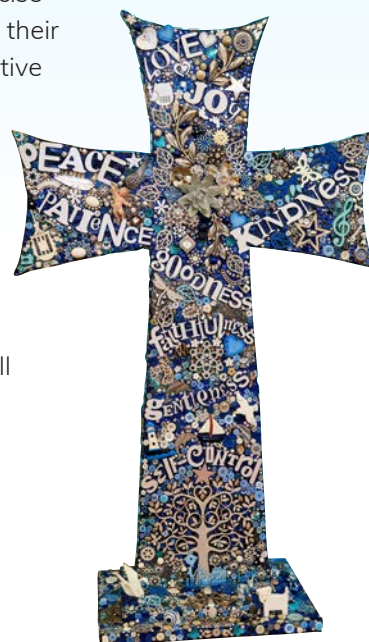
Religious Education and Collective Worship

The RE curriculum follows the Manchester Diocesan guidance and the local authority's agreed syllabus.

Collective worship follows the agreed Church themes including celebration of other faiths and cultures. All teachers lead worship and the Vicar of St Andrew's Church comes into school regularly to take whole school, key stage or class worship.

Parents are invited to join in special events. Children attend church on a regular basis including Eucharist, Easter, Christmas, Harvest, and St Andrew's Day.

If parents wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from RE or Collective Worship, or wish to know more about our worship and RE curriculum, they should contact the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher, who will advise them further.



Watergrove Trust

Welcome to the Watergrove Trust

In the 1930s Rochdale's need for clean, fresh water was met by the provision of the Watergrove Reservoir. Nearly a century later, the Watergrove Trust has been formed to provide schooling of the highest quality for the local area.

The Watergrove Trust comprises of five local schools, three primary and two secondary, each bringing their own special qualities and expertise to share.

It is not only excellent educational practice which is shared within the Watergrove Trust, but resources too, including a swimming pool, a professional recording studio and one of the largest 4D interactive sound and light installations in the UK.

Co-ordinated by a strong central team, the Watergrove Trust is the largest and most successful school trust in the Rochdale area.

Mark Moorhouse, CEO Watergrove Trust

Governing Board

The Local Academy Committee at St Andrew's are proactive and dedicated governors who work closely with the Head Teacher and staff to ensure the best quality of education and environment for all our children.

The Governors meet half termly and are frequent visitors in school.

Concerns

If you are concerned about anything involving your child or the school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

If you require discussion the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher are always willing to meet with you. If you wish to meet with the Chair of Governors, please contact the office for an appointment to be arranged.

Any enquiries about the official complaints procedure and committee should be made to the school office.

Chair's Welcome

On behalf of all the Governors, welcome to St Andrew's CE Primary School.

At St Andrew's school governors, parents, children and staff work as a team, building on success in a Christian atmosphere where everyone feels valued.

The governors are very proud of St Andrew's and actively support the Head teacher and school personnel in achieving the schools aims and objectives. The staff are vibrant, highly motivated, caring and professional in all aspects of education and under the leadership of Mrs Judith Rainford, we are fully convinced our children receive the help and guidance to attain their full potential.

It is important that as parents, you feel welcome. A good relationship between school and home helps to build a child's confidence and assists their development in school. At St Andrew's we strive to foster a relationship that doesn't end at the school gate.

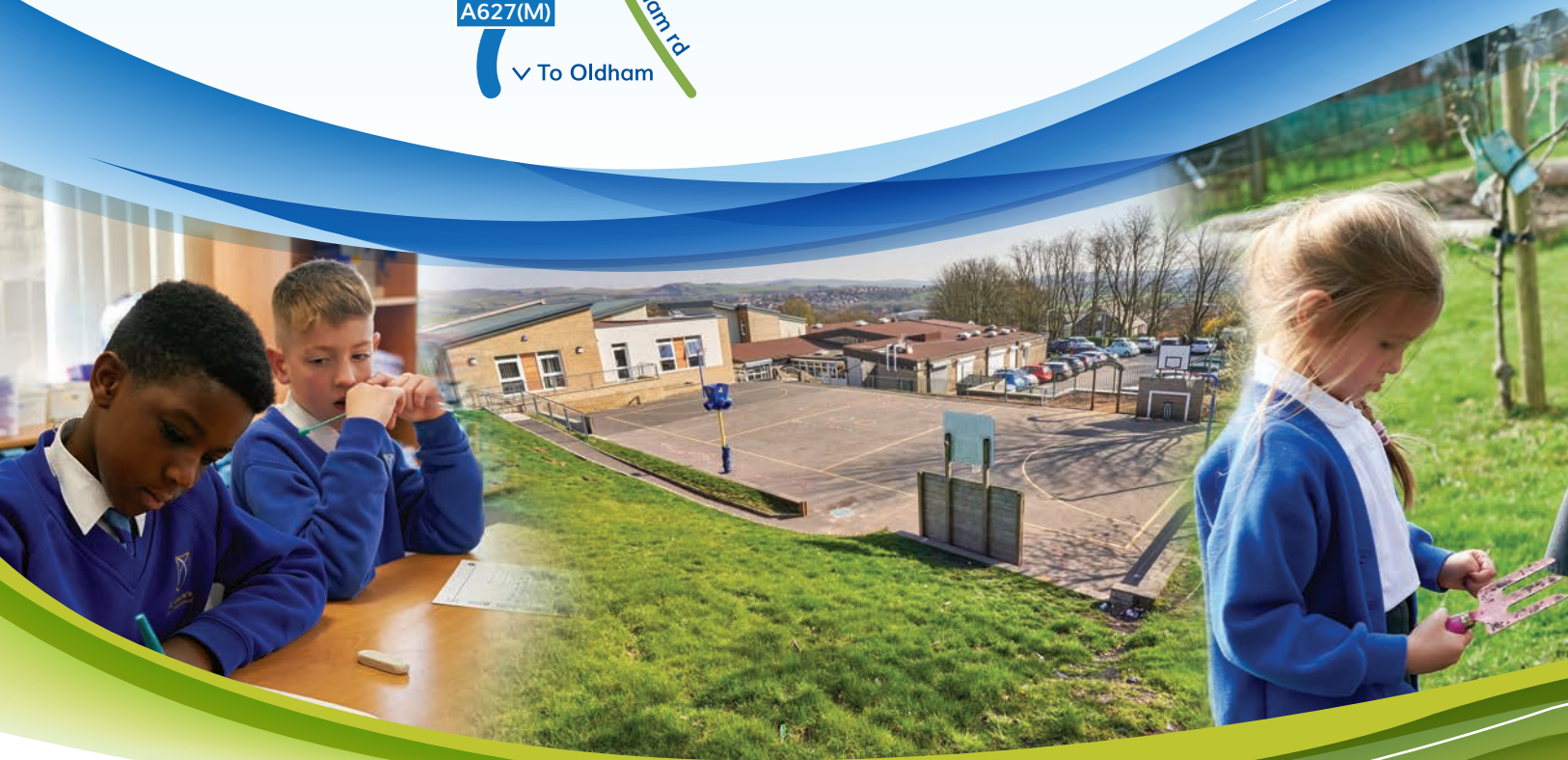
School days should be the happiest days of your child's life and we aim to ensure that your child receives a happy, secure and stimulating start to their education.

We hope your family will join us and become part of that vision.

Mr G Walzcak

Chair of Governors





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