

St Ambrose Catholic Academy

Following The Example of Jesus

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Prospectus



St. Ambrose
Catholic Academy

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Welcome

A warm welcome to families new and returning, from all in our community at St Ambrose. We are delighted that you have accepted or are considering a place for your child in our academy. We very much look forward to working with you and your child, developing their knowledge and skills, nurturing their talents and helping them discover new talents throughout their journey with us.

We will do this through the vision born out in our Mission Statement: 'Follow the example of Jesus'. This encompasses all we are as an academy, our belief that every child is special and unique, in God's likeness. This ethos produces a caring, calm but energetic atmosphere where children love learning and thrive academically, physically and spiritually.

At St Ambrose we welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with our families. We like hearing your ideas and views on how we are doing, and use these, both complimentary and critical, to develop and improve. We look forward to this partnership with your family, especially the exciting journey your child will take with us in the future.



Mrs T Moorcroft
Head of the Academy





At Saint Ambrose our Mission Statement is:

Following The Example of Jesus



To do this we will:

Show respect by being friendly to everyone, **looking after everything that God has created** and treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves. (Christ-centred)



Provide a **high-quality education** which enables everyone to reach their full potential within a caring and supportive environment. (Education)



Celebrate the **academy's place in the community** and the wider world. (Community)

Objectives:



Christ-Centred

Provide quality Collective Worship and enriching liturgical celebrations.

Enable our children to acquire an excellent religious education through a well taught and resourced Come and See programme.

Encourage all to develop their understanding of and relationship with God while at the same time respecting that others choose to express their faith in different ways.

Be positive role models who treat each other with respect and are willing to forgive and be forgiven.



Education

As teachers, to be both inspirational and creative so that every child's achievements are recognised and celebrated and that they are encouraged to become independent learners.

To provide a safe and happy learning environment so that every child feels valued and secure within our academy family.

To encourage regular communication with parents by creating a positive and caring support network for the extended academy family.



Community

To join with the parish and the local community to celebrate special occasions throughout the year.
To enhance the curriculum by uniting as one all of the generations in the community and fostering mutual respect.

To provide opportunities for the children to visit places of interest and experience a range of different cultural events in order for them to gain a better appreciation of the world around them and to 'fire' their own aspirations.
To participate in charitable activities and be able to empathise with the needs of others.

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Our Curriculum

At St Ambrose we provide a curriculum through which we live out our Mission to 'Follow the example of Jesus'. Our curriculum is designed to enable every child to thrive through holistic provision that is there to find and nurture every child's gifts and talents whilst building their capacity to tackle challenges both in at the academy and throughout life.

Curriculum Key drivers



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“So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and ¾ percent guaranteed) Kid, you'll move mountains.”

- Dr Seuss

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- We will give our children at St Ambrose a range of broad, varied and rich experiences that help them to aim high and be their best selves.
- We will introduce vocabulary beyond the primary curriculum where appropriate.
- We will raise awareness of the concept of a lifelong educational learning journey i.e. nursery - primary - secondary - post 16 - higher education- life beyond the Academy.
- We will make our children aware that education improves career and life chances understanding the concept of choice.
- We will give our children experience of life beyond the area they live and the possibilities the world has to offer them.



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“The expert in anything was once a beginner.”

- Helen Hayes

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- We will give our children high quality learning that helps them 'be the best they can be'.
- We have the highest expectations of our children and they will develop the highest expectations of themselves.
- We will show our children the endless potential they have to achieve well.
- We will work with sporting, business and educational partners to raise standards and aim high.
- We will teach our children to communicate effectively as global citizens.



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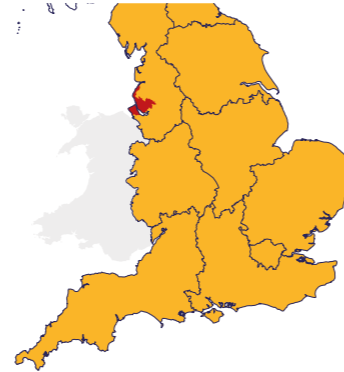
“Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts.”

- Winston Churchill

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- We will teach our children to solve their own problems.
- We will teach our children to face up to challenges they previously thought would be impossible.
- We will enable our children to think big and set their own goals.
- We will support our children to achieve their goals.
- We will give them opportunity to discover talents and gifts beyond the curriculum.
- We will provide enrichment activities that support us in this through trips, a range of visitors, residential opportunities and a broad experiential curriculum.

St Joseph Multi Academy Trust



St Ambrose Catholic Academy is part of St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The Trust is highly ambitious for all children and young people. The Trust works in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Diocese of Chester.



Welcome from the Chief Executive Officer



Welcome to St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

support students to be well-rounded, happy, confident and compassionate individuals.

St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust is highly ambitious for all children and young people. The Trust currently includes five primary academies and two secondary academies. Our Trust priorities in the coming years are:

To continue improving attendance.

We will provide environments that pupils want to learn in, with a strong sense of belonging and peace.

To keep Christ at the centre of all we do.

We will build strong communities with Gospel values at the heart.

We are a mission-driven organisation, and everything that we do is aimed at improving life chances for children. We are unrelenting in our pursuit of excellence for our family of academies and the communities in which they serve.

To support every child to be a reader.

We will foster inquisitive minds and a love of reading.

We look forward to welcoming new schools into our Trust and hope that the information contained in this website provides insight into our values, mission and purpose.

To deliver an ambitious curriculum.

We will stimulate, stretch and challenge pupils to help them reach their potential.

To create a culture for success.

We will provide an environment to

Andrew Truby FCCT
Chief Executive Officer

Joining St Ambrose Catholic Academy

We warmly welcome children and their families from the local area as well as from countries around the world. Diversity is celebrated in our academy and pupils take good care of each other. Visits to our academy are warmly welcomed.

Please get in touch with our academy office for more details on **0151 425 2306**.

To apply for a place in our Reception class, please visit the Liverpool Admissions Website: Reception Online Application

www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to use the academy computers and/or we can facilitate a

group for those who may need guidance/ support in completing the online application. You can contact Liverpool City Council Admissions Team on **0151 233 3006** and request a paper application form.

When applying for a place in Reception, we require a supplementary faith form. Forms are available from our academy office. A photocopy of your child's baptism certificate will be taken and placed on file until allocations have been determined.



Admissions

The governors have agreed criteria for admission into the Academy for all children including those with special educational needs.

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria:

- 01.** Baptised Catholic children who are in the care of the Local Authority, (looked after children).
- 02.** Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Parish of St Ambrose, (proof of Baptism is required).
- 03.** Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or a sister at the academy at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.

04. Baptised Catholic children living in other Catholic parishes.

05. Children who are in the care of the Local Authority, (looked after children), other than Catholic.

06. Children who are other than Catholic who have a brother or a sister at the academy at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.

07. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in form of Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.

08. Children of other faiths, an

appropriate Minister of Religion would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.

09. Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the academy.

In the event of any over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the academy measured in a straight line distance from the front door of the house/flat to the main front door of the academy as measured by the Local Authority.

The academy's standard admission number is 30.

Parents who are considering sending their children to the academy may visit the academy at any time, but are requested to seek an appointment with the Headteacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. Pre-school admission meetings are arranged with parents, the Headteacher and Foundation Stage Teachers to discuss starting at the

academy, to dispel any worries parents may have and to answer any questions. Attending our Nursery setting does not guarantee a place in Reception at St Ambrose Catholic Primary Academy and the appropriate application should still be completed via the Local Authority.

The Governors have agreed to continue the practice of admitting all Reception children in one intake, in September each year.

Our aim from the start is to enable children to experience a secure and happy environment in which they will develop their physical, social, spiritual and intellectual potential.

If your child is refused admission to the academy and you wish to appeal against the decision you should write to:

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Schools Commission
LACE
Croxteth Drive
Liverpool
L17 1AA
Telephone 0151 522 1071

Academy Hours

Reception, KS1 & KS2

8.45 am	Children enter the academy
8.55 am – 12 noon	Lessons
10.45 am – 11.00 am	Break
12.00 – 12.55 pm	Lunch
12.55 pm – 3.15 pm	Lessons

Nursery

8.45 am – 11.45 am	Morning
12.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Session

Children are not allowed to leave the academy without a responsible adult, and they should be collected on time at the end of each session. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can walk home alone with permission.

academy (8.45am), and we shall be responsible for them for no more than ten minutes (3.25pm) at the end of the day unless there is a pre-arranged activity.

If you think you may be late collecting your child for any reason, or another person is to collect them, please telephone the academy beforehand. The children will be accepted into the academy for 'Settling in Time', no more than fifteen minutes before the

It is important to note that academy staff are not on duty after this designated time and may not be available to care for your child. In the event that we are unable to contact a family member, external agencies will be called to advise on the care for your child.



Assemblies and Collective Worship

Children's spiritual awareness is developed not only through the ethos of our academy but also through our Religious Education curriculum, Collective Worship and assemblies. We follow the RE programme 'Come and See' recommended by Liverpool Archdiocese. Collective Worship is a daily feature of our academy life. This is celebrated in the classrooms with the added enrichment of whole academy assemblies each week.

Our worship is of a Catholic nature where stories, hymns, drama, poetry and prayers help children to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs. Parents have a right to withdraw their children from this act of worship, and in such an event, the request should be made through the Headteacher.

Throughout the year, all year groups celebrate a special assembly where families are welcomed.



Behaviour at the Academy

At St Ambrose Catholic Academy, we follow the example of Jesus when working together and playing together.

Our academy rules are:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Kind**
- **Be Respectful**

Our mission and our rules help us to be the best that we can be, in the classroom, outside and when we are in the community.

We are a Trauma Informed School (TISUK), recognising and supporting the diverse needs of our children and their

families. Through our Restorative Practice approach, all members of our academy are encouraged to collaborate towards solution-focused outcomes.

Parents and staff are encouraged to communicate well with one another for the benefit of our children. Teachers can be approached at the class door at the end of the academy day, by telephone, or a face-to-face meeting can be scheduled before, during or at the end of the day.

See our 'Behaviour and Relationships' policy for further information.

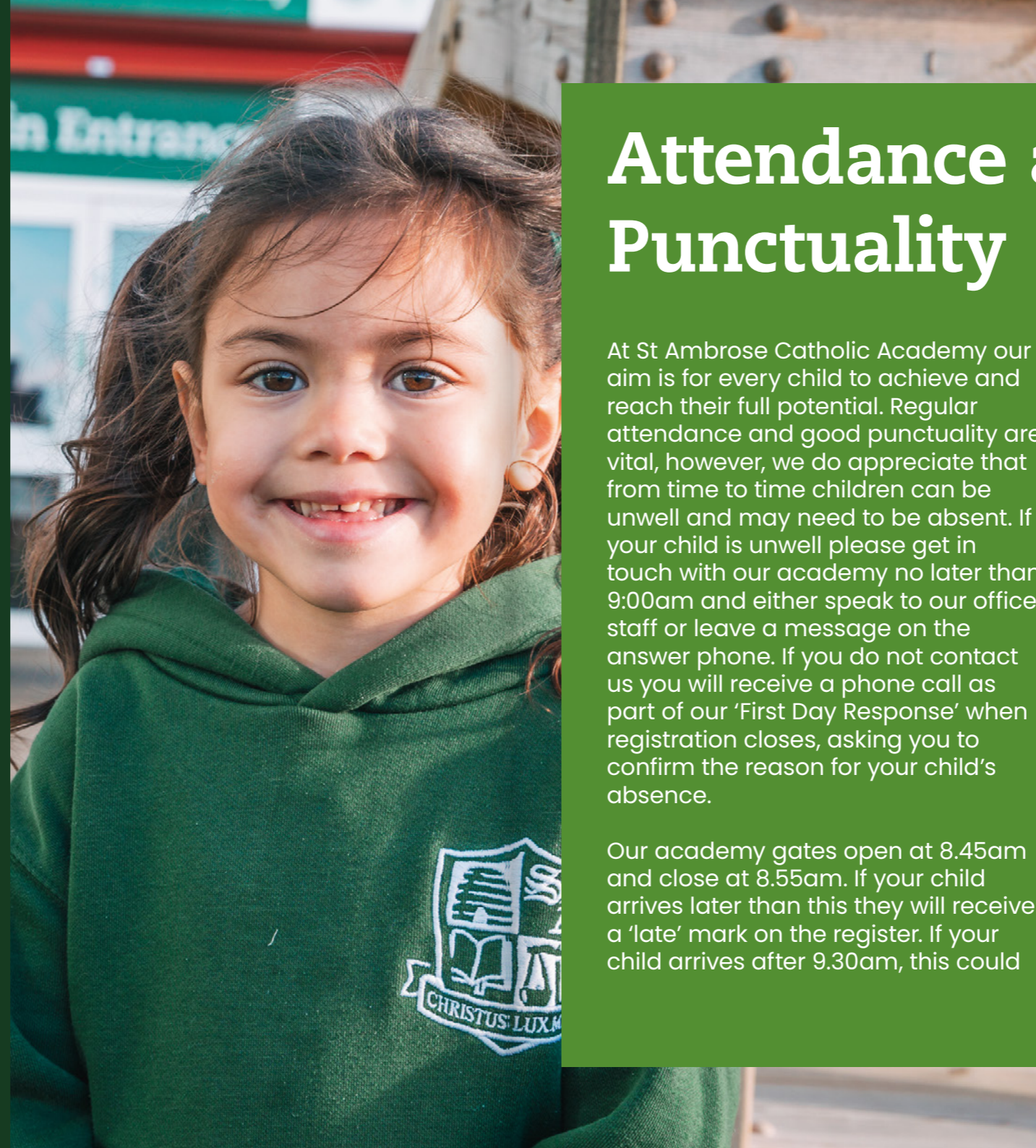


Sickness, Medicals and Medicine

Parents are requested to disclose any health problems relative to their child. It is important that the Headteacher and class teacher are fully aware of these when a child starts at the academy. Minor injuries in at the academy are treated by staff.

When a child has to be sent home or requires hospital treatment, parents are contacted. For this purpose, a contact telephone number is necessary.

When administering medicine, parents must sign our permission form. If a child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler, these will be kept in the classrooms for immediate access. Children should know how to use their own inhalers. To find out more, please view our 'Administering Medicines' policy on our academy website.



Attendance and Punctuality

At St Ambrose Catholic Academy our aim is for every child to achieve and reach their full potential. Regular attendance and good punctuality are vital, however, we do appreciate that from time to time children can be unwell and may need to be absent. If your child is unwell please get in touch with our academy no later than 9:00am and either speak to our office staff or leave a message on the answer phone. If you do not contact us you will receive a phone call as part of our 'First Day Response' when registration closes, asking you to confirm the reason for your child's absence.

Our academy gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. If your child arrives later than this they will receive a 'late' mark on the register. If your child arrives after 9.30am, this could

result in an unauthorised absence.

Academy attendance is monitored very closely. **Our Academy Attendance Target is 97%** which is the minimum level expected by the Government. We work closely with our Education Welfare Officer to monitor the attendance of every child in our academy. If your child's attendance falls below this percentage and it is a cause for concern, you will be contacted by a member of staff. If your child's attendance continues to be a concern this may result in a court appearance or a fine being issued by the Local Authority.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of all our children.



Designated Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Jenny Ward (Children's Mentor)

If absent please speak to



Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Tracy Moorcroft (Headteacher)



Road Safety and Parking

Parking around the academy buildings can prove difficult and hazardous. Parents are asked to park away from the academy and spend an extra minute or two walking the rest of the way. Please keep all children under strict control to avoid the possibility of an accident. When parking near the academy, please ensure that you do

not block the driveways of residents. To help alleviate this problem, if any parents feel they can manage to bring their children to the academy and pick them up without using cars, it would be much appreciated.

School Meals

We believe that academy meals should be good quality, nutritious and good for you that's why the academy is proud to be a part of 'Food For Thought'.

'Food For Thought' is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools. 'Food For Thought' focuses on what pupils need. For many students, a school meal might be the only freshly cooked hot meal they get all day, so it WILL be good quality. It has to be enough, too. We

encourage pupils to eat as much as they feel they need to, because no-one should go hungry.

Take a look at their website: <https://foodforthoughtschools.co.uk>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a school meal daily, free of charge. Children in Years 3-6 who require a school meal continue to be charged at £1.80 per day - i.e. £9 per week. All payments should be made via the Arbor system as we aspire to become a cashless academy.



Pupil Premium

Parents who meet the threshold earnings for 'Free School Meals' attract further funding for their child throughout their academy life under current legislation. This funding can be used by schools to ensure that children in receipt have access to the same opportunities as other children and therefore learn as well as others. In our academy, we use some of this funding to subsidise academy trips and visits, technology equipment to support learning and many other opportunities.

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Academy Uniform

Bags – children are asked to bring book bags for daily use. Large rucksack style bags are not allowed.

Winter

Girls

- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers
- White shirt
- Green badged v-neck cardigan/jumper
- Academy tie (claret)
- Grey socks/tights
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Boys

- Grey trousers
- White shirt
- Green badged v-neck jumper
- Academy tie (claret)
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Summer

Girls

- Green checked gingham dress
- White socks
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Boys

- White badged polo shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Nursery

- Green badged PE top
- Green badged hoodie
- Green jogging bottoms/shorts



Jewellery (and Valuables)

Jewellery **MUST NOT** be worn in the academy. This includes earrings. Children wearing jewellery will have it taken from them to be held by the staff until it can be safely collected by a parent. Please understand that there are serious health and safety implications and parents are asked to give their total support on this issue.

The academy cannot accept responsibility for any property belonging to pupils which is stolen, lost or damaged whilst on academy premises. Watches may be worn. Mobile phones may be brought to the academy by Years 5 and 6 (if they are walking home alone) but must be handed into the class teacher for the duration of the academy day.

Hair and Make-up

Long hair must be tied back using simple clips and bands in the academy colours. Large bows and ribbons are not permitted. Short hair must be plain in style. No make-up, including nail varnish is permitted.



Home-School Partnership

A successful academy like St Ambrose is engaged in a whole range of activities designed to make academy attendance something to be enjoyed. To achieve this culture, partnership is essential between home and school. Parents are expected to support the academy in all areas to maximise learning outcomes for our children. Children must attend regularly, read daily and complete all home learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Academy Visits

A wide variety of extracurricular clubs are on offer. Throughout the year, the academy organises a whole series of educational visits for the various year groups, including an annual residential trip for Years 3 to 6.

Breakfast Club

We are able to provide care for children from 8am until 8:45am Monday to Friday through our Breakfast Club.



Special Educational Needs

We aim for all children with additional needs to be happy and confident learners who achieve their potential. We aim to help them achieve this through the provision of a supportive and stimulating curriculum and learning environment.

Class teachers provide quality-first teaching with adapted learning activities for all. Needs are equally met through individual and small group provision.

Achievable and realistic targets are recorded on pupil profiles. These are reviewed regularly alongside parents and children. The review meeting allows progress to be celebrated as well as

identifying new targets and sharing of teaching methods. For those with recognised complex needs, the support of outside agencies, including the Local Authority, is essential.

On our academy website you will find our SEND policy, Local Offer and Statement of Information.

If at any time during the academy year, you are worried about any aspect of your child's academy life, please speak with a member of staff. We have expertise across the academy that can deal with most situations, both academic, personal and social. Where we don't have the expertise, we can

involve other groups to get the help needed.

Your child is coming into a loving and caring environment where the child comes first every time. We know that, with family support, our academy will enable your child to flourish and be ready for the next stage in life, onto secondary school. We look forward to welcoming your child and your family to our community. Thank you for choosing our academy.



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