



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School



In Jesus, we learn, love and grow together

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our school. St Peter's is a Church of England school within the diocese of Manchester. We endeavour to follow the Gospel values in all we do and through our distinctive Christian character we aim to meet the needs of all in our school community by expecting the best from all for all, building respect and care, celebrating the diversities within our school community and becoming confident lifelong learners. We strive to provide a safe, secure, stimulating Christian environment in which all our children feel happy and valued as individuals, and where they can learn and play to the best of their abilities, and therefore reach their full potential. We consider the relationship with their home to be vital in achieving this. We welcome your support and involvement in all aspects of school life, since by developing a strong home-school partnership, we can all work together in the very best interests of our children.

One of the great strengths of our school is the fact that we also belong to the wider family of our Parish and Church which provides the foundation for our school community and helps to give a network of support for children and their families.

We will do all we can to ensure that the years your child spends at our school are as happy and fruitful as possible and hope that your whole family will benefit from being members of the community of St Peter's Church of England Primary School.

Mr Aelred Whelan
Headteacher



"The atmosphere around the school and in classrooms is extremely calm and purposeful, enabling staff and pupils to be fully engaged in learning tasks"

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Let your light shine
Matthew 5:16



Religious Life at St Peter's

At St Peter's, Religious Education is far more than just an academic subject. In keeping with our mission statement, we aim to work alongside parents to bring children to a deeper understanding of the truths of the Christian faith. Through explicit teaching about Jesus and the Church, and the development of prayer and worship in school, we provide daily experiences where children live the Gospel values; have respect for the opinions and beliefs of others, and grow in their own faith. We see this as our core purpose, and alongside their formation as children of God, we strive to ensure that each child fulfils their God-given potential -academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

We are lucky to have very close links with our Parish Church which is only a short walk away. The children regularly attend St Peter's Church, at least once each half-term, as well as celebrating together at significant liturgical moments in the year. Our friendly Vicar is a regular visitor to our school, supporting in classes and delivering a whole school assembly every month.

"There is a strong Christian ethos in the school which impacts significantly on children's behaviour and the way they relate to each other, enabling them to flourish as individuals."
Diocesan Inspection

*I have called you
by your name, you
are mine*

Isaiah 43:1



Mission Statement

'In Jesus, we learn, love and grow together'

The community of St Peter's Church of England Primary School at all times and in all that it does, attempts to serve as a witness to the Christian faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and that we are called to support them in their God given task.

Each child in our school is valued and encouraged to achieve human wholeness – spiritually, morally, emotionally and academically in a happy secure Christian environment.

We will always do our best to provide the best possible education for every child.

Curriculum

At St Peter's we believe that education is not just about delivering a curriculum. It is about giving children the opportunities to extend their life skills and develop their confidence whilst having fun. We strive to develop the 'whole child', spiritually, socially, morally and culturally, nurturing and moulding each individual's God given talents, to let their light shine.

Our staff work closely together to plan lessons that immerse learners in meaningful, enjoyable and exciting experiences, both in the classroom and beyond. These involve a wealth of practical opportunities designed to encourage and develop our natural desire to explore and solve problems.

Each year we bring subjects to life, providing children with many first hand learning experiences, from exciting visits throughout the year to places of interest, to inviting guest speakers in to share their knowledge.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities, providing a vast array of sporting, creative and academic opportunities which help to ensure all our children are ready for the next stage of their education.

"The rich curriculum inspires and motivates pupils very effectively. It has a positive effect on pupils' academic and personal development."

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*All things are possible
if you believe*
Mark 9:23

Learning Environment

St Peter's Church of England Primary School is a well-respected two form entry school situated in Rochdale. We cater for 472 pupils from Nursery to Year 6 (3 - 11 years old). We are lucky to be positioned on a large plot overlooking the Pennine hills. Our school has recently undergone a major renovation and building project, further enhancing our school with new learning spaces such as our woodland walk, computer suite and library. This ongoing development of our buildings, and outdoor spaces, has not only helped us to maximise access to a rich curriculum, but provided a truly unique learning environment we are truly proud of.



"Pupils experience a wide range of opportunities to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding. They learn about different faiths and cultures and are very well prepared for life in modern Britain."

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Behaviour

We are extremely proud of the outstanding behaviour at our school. It is our primary aim that every member of our school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly. We are a caring community, built on mutual trust and respect for all, encompassing our core Christian values so all members of our school can live and work together, promoting an environment where everyone feels happy and safe.

We praise good behaviour, as this further develops our ethos of kindness and cooperation. We operate a House System where each child is assigned to a particular patron saint, St George, St Andrew, St Patrick, and St David. Children are awarded house points for good work, manners, behaviour and kindness.

Each week children's work and achievements are celebrated during our Good News Assembly. Each teacher names those children who have worked or behaved particularly well, and selects one child for special recognition to receive a special certificate.

Pupils at St Peter's are happy, hardworking and well-mannered and everyone is valued as an individual with an important contribution to make. Occurrences of poor behaviour are extremely rare. If they do occur they are always dealt with swiftly and effectively.

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our children. Uniform gives us a sense of belonging and being part of the wider family of St Peter's. We ask parents to ensure that children come to and from school in their full uniform every day. Our uniform and PE kit list, is available on our website including details about our uniform suppliers.

"The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. The respect shown by pupils to each other and staff makes a strong contribution towards the happy, warm and welcoming environment which exists in this harmonious school community."

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*I can do everything
through Christ, who
gives me strength*
Philippians 4:13



Admissions

St Peter's Church of England Primary School is a voluntary controlled Church of England primary school and as such is governed by both the Diocese of Manchester and Rochdale Local Authority.

How to apply:

For full details, policies and to apply please contact 'Rochdale Borough Council' school admissions at;

Email: school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk

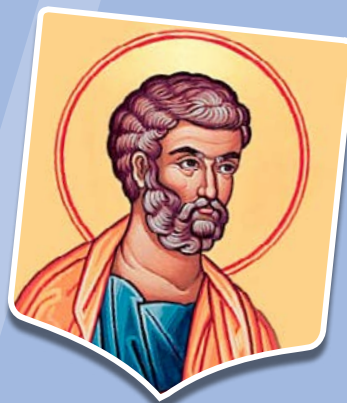
Tel: 01706 925982

Early Help and Schools,
Number One Riverside,
Smith Street,
Rochdale OL16 1XU

Or via the admissions page on their website:
www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

Nursery

Here at St Peter's Church of England Primary School we have a wonderful Nursery full of happy children and staff. We offer places for children who are 3 years old and will turn 4 during that academic year. To apply for a place in our Nursery please contact our school office.



Who was St Peter?

Peter was a fisherman from Galilee.
Jesus invited Peter to follow him.
He was a simple, hard-working man.
He was generous, honest and loved Jesus very much.
His original name was Simon, but Jesus changed it to Peter, which means "rock."
"You are Peter," Jesus said,
"and on this rock I will build my Church."

Children are
God's great gift
Psalm 127:3



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