



We belong to the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow. Our school is a part of the old Sacred Heart Hindsford parish which is now served by the church of St. Richard's in Atherton.

Parish Priest is Father Paul Seddon.



Welcome to



## Sacred Heart Primary School

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**Deputy Head Teacher** - Mrs L. Delargy  
**Inclusion Manager** - Miss E Wilde

## Welcome to Sacred Heart.

In September, your child will be starting in our Reception class.

Sacred Heart is a Voluntary Aided Primary school within the Archdiocese of Liverpool serving the Parish of St. John Rigby. A majority of pupils live in the Atherton and Tyldesley area, within the Borough of Wigan.

As a smaller than average Primary school, Sacred Heart is like 'a family'. Our pupils are happy, resilient, enthusiastic, caring, responsible, well behaved and creative, to name but a few qualities!

Sacred Heart was inspected by Ofsted in March 2022 and by Liverpool Archdiocese in January 2017. Both reports are accessible on our website at:

[www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk)

Staff are well supported by the children and families of Sacred Heart. Between us, we will make sure that your children get the best start in life.

## The 'Friends'

As your child starts our school, you are welcome to join our 'Friends' association. The 'Friends' meet regularly to discuss new fundraising ideas. They organise events such as bingo, fayres, social nights, discos, clothes recycling and many more money making schemes!

Over the year, the 'Friends' have raised in excess of £60 000 which has helped fund new outdoor play equipment, computer equipment, reading books, dining room furniture, trips, parties and much more!

## PARENT PAY

Parent Pay is our online payment system for all payable school items, such as clubs, snacks, school trips, etc.

Mr Gore will issue all new parents with log in details, so that you can set up your account.



## The School Day

**8:45** Rolling Registration/Calming Carousel

**9am:** School day begins

**10:45** Break

**12pm:** Lunch break

**1:15pm:** Back to lessons

**3:30:** School day ends

At the end of the school day, the children are taken to the gate to meet you. **Your child will only be released to another adult, if permission has been given for them to do so.** This is part of school's Safeguarding procedures. Last minute authorisation, for those unexpected moments, can be given via email or a phone call to school. Under **no** circumstances will children be allowed to leave school alone.

### Attendance

Please report any absences before registration [9am] by e-mail or by telephone 01942 883429

[enquiries@admin.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk)

Term time holiday requests will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

Absence from school, even odd days, affects progress.

Even 'late' minutes add up.

Since January 2019, Wigan Council

## Learning In Partnership

Research shows that by school and parents working together, children foster a greater and longer lasting love of learning. Learning does not just happen in school and there are many ways you can become involved in your child's development.

You can help by:

Talking about school;

Positive encouragement;

Talking about things they find difficult- part of learning;

Praising their work;

Sharing books together;

Playing counting games - forwards and backwards;

Lots of discussion about the environment / nature / life in general.

Please try to avoid putting unnecessary pressure on your child as it can cause school-based anxiety.

NB: Children progress at different rates and their strengths manifest in many different ways, especially when they are young, so please avoid making comparisons with other children and siblings.

In preparation for school, we would like children to be able to hang up their coat, get themselves changed for PE Lessons, use a knife and fork for meals and use a toilet properly.

## **Out and About**

During your child's years at Sacred Heart, he/she will go on a number of educational trips. We need your written permission at the start of the year to take children off the school premises. Often a contribution will be required. This usually covers the cost of the coach



## **Forest School**

We are the lead school for the Community Forest School.

Your child will visit the Forest School at various times in the year and more information will be sent out as activities are planned. Please check the school website and look for the 'Forest School' tab for more details.

## **Sunset and Sunrise Clubs**

### **Sunrise Club**

7.30am until 8:45am

Cost - £3.00 or £4.00 including breakfast

Activity Club 8:30-9:45am

Cost - 50p per day

### **Sunset Club**

3:30pm - 6:00pm

4:30pm Collection Cost = £3.50

5pm Collection Cost = £5.50

6pm Collection Cost = £8.00

Booking is essential for Sunrise and Sunset Club.

## **Meet the Staff**

Your child will be in

**Miss Worrall's** class.

I am sure you will also get to know many of our other staff;

## **Teachers**

Mr M<sup>c</sup>Dermott [Head Teacher]

Mrs Delargy [Deputy Head]

Mrs Johnson

Miss Ditchfield

Mrs Kirkup

Mrs Rabbani

Mrs Rogerson

Mrs Woodward

Miss Wilde

## **Support staff**

Mr Gore [Business Manager]

Mrs Langin [office staff]

Mrs Aldred [TA]

Mrs Bakkes[TA]

Miss Fearick [TA]

Mrs King-Heath [TA]

Mrs Jones [TA]

Mrs Julien [TA]

Mrs Rawson [TA]

Mr Sawyer [TA]

Miss Harvey [TA]

Mrs Harrison [TA]

Mrs Hazeldine/Mr Barlow [caretaker]

Mrs Partington [cleaner]

Mrs Lonsdale [cleaner]

## INSPIRE

Involving  
School  
Parents  
In  
Raising  
Expectations

INSPIRE sessions allow school to involve parents from the start! The session encourage an active partnership between home and school and also helps parents to better understand the Early Years curriculum and how it is taught.

In the Summer Term before starting school in September, parents and children are invited to visit school together. This year, two INSPIRE sessions will take place. The details of your allocated session are in the initial welcome letter.

## Our School Uniform

Sacred Heart has a school uniform because we believe it gives children a sense of belonging and develops pride in the school.

- Grey long or short trousers, grey skirt or red gingham dress;
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan;
- White shirt or polo shirt;
- Plain socks - black, grey or white;
- Plain woollen tights can be worn in colder months - grey, black or maroon;
- Black shoes (no laces please);
- Maroon Sacred Heart book bag (no rucksacks please). Please place a spare pair of underwear and socks in your child's book bag for emergencies.

## PE Kit

- Maroon Hooded Top;
- Maroon or black tracksuit bottoms;
- Maroon shorts;
- Sacred Heart short sleeved PE top;
- Trainers (no pumps and avoid laces where possible).

Please note - your child will come to school wearing their PE kit on their specified PE day. You will be informed of which day this is in September.

Many items are available branded with the school logo.

**Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled to avoid mix ups.**

Jewellery **should not** be worn for school. If a wrist watch is worn it must be removed for PE. Rings **should not** be worn. Earrings or studs **should not** be worn. If ears are going to be pierced, the best time to do this is at the start of Summer holiday to allow for healing.

For school, long hair should be tied up with a bobble.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery and Reception are known as the 'EYFS'. The **Early Years Foundation Stage** is made up of 7 areas of learning and development:

### Three Prime Areas

#### COMMUNICATION and LANGUAGE

Speaking and listening, reading, role play, letter formation, spelling and emergent writing.

#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Physical education [PE]

Fine and gross motor skills

#### PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

#### DEVELOPMENT

Forming relationships, confidence, personal hygiene, respect, behaviour and emotions

To attain GLD (Good Level Of Development) your child must attain the expected standard across all 3 of these areas. Within the EYFS Framework the Prime Areas have greater importance than Reading, Writing and Mathematics. So it is important that the children have lots of opportunities to develop these skills.

## Health Matters

Sacred Heart receives support with health matters from **Atherton Medical Centre**.

We have a named school nurse, Karen Oultram, who we can contact for medical advice.

Vision [R] and hearing checks [Y1] are carried out in school.

It is important that we have two emergency numbers so that we can contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

If medicines are absolutely necessary during the school day, they must be brought into school by an adult. All medical instructions must be in writing on a form provided by the school office.

Children with specific needs e.g. Diabetes can have a Care Plan. This will be written with your help, so that all staff are kept informed about difficulties, medication and emergency procedures. Regular update meetings are then scheduled to ensure the plan is up to date.

## Behaviour

Sacred Heart uses a home made system called 'TEAM' [Together Everyone Achieves More] to positively encourage good behaviour, this was praised highly in the recent RE inspection. In class we use a child friendly system called Dojo to share our behaviour expectations.



Every half term a TEAM sticker is awarded for good behaviour; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Bronze, Silver, Gold.

So that Sacred Heart is a safe and happy place to be, we all follow the rules in our Code of Conduct [one is provided in your welcome pack].

Remember, in the event of a reprimand, please do not jump to conclusions. There are always two sides to every story and what you are told might not be the full story'

A **superstar** learner is about:

- How well you listen;
- How hard you work;
- How much you do.



## Four Specific Areas

### LITERACY

### MATHEMATICS

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS and DESIGN

As we are a Catholic School, Religious Education is taught as a separate subject, following the Archdiocese scheme called 'Come and See'.

Children are assessed using a National framework called the 'Foundation Stage Profile'

Staff will observe and make judgements about your child's learning so that we can meet the needs of individuals. We want to help every child to make the best progress possible.

## Meals and Snacks

School lunches for all infant children are free and although packed lunch is an option, this seems too good an offer to refuse.

In addition to midday meal, toast / snack is available at £1.00 per week or you can pay for the full term.

Some children choose to bring fruit from home instead of paying for school snack / toast. This is perfectly acceptable.

Children under 5 will also receive a free bottle of milk at the end of the school day.

All Infant children are given a free piece of fruit at home time as part of the National Fruit Scheme.

All children should bring a water bottle to school, filled with still water only. **No juice.**

## PASTORAL

Sacred Heart Primary School provides a nurturing environment for children and we firmly believe that children achieve more educationally if they feel safe, happy and secure. Our approach to maximising learning is to foster an ethos of high quality interactions, consistent rules and expectations.

## SEND

You may feel your child has an additional need or may already have an identified Special Educational Need. Our SENCo is Miss Wilde and we also have a team of experienced staff who are ready to support pupils with a range of short or long-term additional needs.

At Sacred Heart we take the wellbeing of our pupils very seriously and endeavour to ensure that the systems that we have in place meet the needs of each of the children in our care.

If you have a question or a concern about your child for either a Pastoral or SEND issue, speak to the Class Teacher as they usually know your child the best. Alternatively you can contact Miss Wilde, (Inclusion/Pastoral Manager) at the school.