

Holy Spirit Catholic
Academy



The Holy Spirit Way

Prospectus 23/24



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THE HUGE BAG of WORRIES

Illustrations by Frank



Welcome

On behalf of all of our school community, I would like to welcome you to the Holy Spirit Catholic Academy prospectus.

Holy Spirit is a warm, welcoming school in the heart of Netherton, with a capacity for up to 240 children between the ages of 3 and 11.

I am proud to be the Headteacher of a school where every child is valued, and every member of staff has high expectations of themselves and the potential of our children.

I am passionate about raising standards for all of our children and providing them with the best education. One which will support, challenge and enable them to fulfil their potential, equipping them with the skills they will need both academically and socially.

Our curriculum is broad and is delivered in an engaging and creative way to create a learning environment that is enjoyable as well as purposeful.

Holy Spirit is part of the St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust and has partnerships with The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Sefton Council and the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham.

We have an experienced Governing Body that guides the work of the school with challenge and expertise and wants only the very best for our children.

We welcome and encourage visits to our school; every day is an Open Day!



Mrs M Forrest
Headteacher





Our Mission

**Jesus holds my hand and
guides me on my way:
The Holy Spirit Way**

Our Vision

Our vision is for every child and adult to thrive and achieve their full potential- the Holy Spirit Way. The Holy Spirit Way inspires and nurtures:



Respect

For self, others, our school, our faith and the wider community and world.



Resilience

By teaching self-awareness, self-regulation, perseverance, courage and a positive mindset/ attitude.



Love of Learning

Opportunities to develop curiosity, creativity and thirst for knowledge through an engaging and ambitious curriculum.



Excellence and Achievement

Through a culture of high expectations for all in teaching and learning and taking responsibility for ourselves and the whole school team.



St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Holy Spirit 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.

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 keep Christ at the centre of all we do.

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

To support every child to be a reader.

We will foster inquisitive minds and a love of reading.

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

To continue improving attendance.

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

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.

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.

Andrew Truby FCCT
Chief Executive Officer

Joining Holy Spirit Catholic Academy Admissions

You can apply for a place in Reception through the **Sefton Admissions Team** via the **Online Citizen Portal**

 www.sefton.gov.uk

- Applications open from 1st September until around the second week in January (dates vary year to year, so please check the website).

In- transfers can also be applied for through Sefton Admissions Team

 admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Nursery places can be applied for directly through the school, and forms can be collected from the school office or by calling 01515257497 or emailing admin.holyspirit@schools.sefton.gov.uk



Attendance

Be here. Every day. That's the Holy Spirit Way!

Good attendance is vital for your child to achieve their potential and thrive, and we take our role in supporting you and your child to have good attendance very seriously. 97%+ is the target, and we'll do all we can to help you achieve it- from your child's very first day.





The School Day

The school gates open at 8.40am for an 8.45am start, and children finish at 3.05pm in Early Years and 3.15pm for Years 1-6.

We have a Breakfast Club facility for Reception to Y6, which opens at 7.45am, where children can have breakfast and play games and sports with their friends for a charge. We also partner with a local after-school club, The L30 Centre, which collects children at the end of the day for after-school care until 6pm. Their charges are available upon request from the school office.





Eating Well

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, are entitled to a free school meal which we encourage all families to take advantage of and children in Y3-Y6 can also choose a school lunch for a charge or bring a healthy packed lunch with them.

Fruit is provided in school for our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 children, and KS2 children can bring a healthy snack into school with them for morning break. We do not permit fizzy drinks, sweets or other unhealthy snacks at any time in school. This is because the sugar content is detrimental to our children's health and also affects their ability to focus and concentrate in lessons.

Celebration and Reflection

Children attend a Collective Worship Assembly as a whole school on Monday morning, where we reflect on the weekly Gospel or important dates in the liturgical year. On a Friday afternoon, we gather together again in our celebration assembly. Throughout the week, our children take part in collective worship together with their class. Across the year, we invite our families to join us in our collective worship and other assemblies.





Our Whole School Code of Conduct

Children

Respect: The Holy Spirit Way.

We have high expectations for every child and adult in our school, and this is especially important in our expectations of conduct. The Holy Spirit Way is outlined below, and you can see and feel what that means as you walk around our school.

Our Faith

- Say our prayers.
- Reflect in collective worship.
- Believe in God's love for us.
- Follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Our School

- Wear the correct uniform with pride.
- Take good care of school resources.
- Help keep school clean and tidy.
- Move around school calmly.

Ourselves

- Make healthy choices.
- Make positive choices.
- Be kind to ourselves.
- Always try our best.

Other Children

- Include everyone.
- Encourage others to achieve.
- Collaborate.
- Show empathy and kindness.

Staff and Visitors

- Use good manners.
- Look people in the eye, smile and greet them.
- Listen carefully and follow instructions.

Our Community and World

- Be active in looking after the environment.
- Respect other faiths and cultures.
- Respect equality and inclusivity.
- Support those less fortunate than us.



Trauma Informed

We are proud to be a **Trauma Informed School**, and our staff have all been trained in this approach which places relationships and communication at the centre of our school. We aim to support our children who may suffer from trauma or mental health problems which may be a barrier to their learning through building positive relationships which help heal minds, brains and bodies.



Uniform

Correct uniform must be worn by all children, including black school shoes (not trainers of any type), and there is more information on our website. Small stud earrings are the only jewellery permitted to be worn in school.



Inclusion

A fair and inclusive environment makes for a happy and healthy school, and so we are proud to be a fully inclusive school where our pupils who have visible or hidden disabilities work and play alongside their peers. Some children may require extra support in school and be supported by our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and other staff. We also draw on our partnerships with other agencies to ensure our children enjoy and can learn with the correct resources and provisions.



Pupil Premium

A number of our pupils are also supported by the Pupil Premium grant, which aims to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. We use research to ensure we use the funding effectively so that all of our disadvantaged pupils have the best chance of achieving their potential.

Keeping Children Safe

At Holy Spirit, we believe that safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility and that everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a part to play. That is why we work in partnership with our families and other agencies to consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.



Learning at Holy Spirit

Our curriculum has been developed to be engaging and challenging using research, and it is sequential and progressive. It is designed to ensure that pupils know more, remember more and can apply their knowledge across all areas. Outside of the classroom setting, we plan for external visitors, enrichment trips and residential to support and enhance our learning opportunities. We follow the Come and See curriculum for RE, and our children are given the opportunity to reflect upon God's love and our mission in daily acts of collective worship.

In addition to this, we employ subject specialists for aspects of our PE and MFL curriculum so that our children can benefit from their expert support.



A Personal Journey

PSHE/ RSHE

Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education and relationships and sex education (RSE) are important and necessary elements of our curriculum. We aim to equip our pupils with a sound understanding of risk and with the knowledge and skills necessary to make safe and informed decisions which will allow them to succeed in life.

Personal Development

Learning can only happen if our children are confident and resilient and are able to regulate themselves, so we aim to build the skills of emotional intelligence, creating and maintaining a positive school climate for learning and achievement.

Keeping You Informed

Throughout your child's time in Holy Spirit, we will always have open and honest communication with you in order to best support you and your child. Letters, messages, payments and so on will come directly from our admin team through our Arbor platform. Class teachers will use Class Dojo to celebrate achievements in class.

Our website also has lots more information about our curriculum, staff, policies and procedures and is updated regularly.

Our Whole School Code of Conduct

Parents, Carers and Families

Our Faith

Be respectful of the Catholic Faith and what makes Catholic schools special.
Support your child's interest in their faith.
Join in with school masses and Collective Worship.

Yourself

Be positive about yourself.
Celebrate your successes.
Keep learning.
Get involved in school events and activities.

Other Parents, Carers and Family Members

Respect others in your words and actions.
Consider others and what they may be experiencing.
Be supportive.
Welcome new families.

Your Child

Listen to your child and ask them questions.
Believe in them and encourage them.
Be honest towards and about your child.
Be kind to your child.

Our School and Neighbours

Respect the community and neighbours.
Take litter home or use the bins.
Park respectfully.

Staff and Visitors

Show respect to all members of school staff.
Support school staff to help our children achieve their potential.
Work together.









The Holy Spirit Way.

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