



Horwich Parish  
CE Primary School

**"GOD WITH US, LIGHTING THE WAY TO LOVE AND RESPECT"**

# Welcome to



Dear Parents/Carers,

## A warm welcome to you and your child.

At Horwich Parish we want children to feel safe, happy and motivated to learn. We have high expectations of all pupils in terms of their behaviour and work.

Our exciting and vibrant curriculum stimulates life-long learning, enabling children to grow into proud and resilient young people. We believe that our school provides a stimulating environment for effective and enjoyable learning to take place.

Outdoor learning is a special feature of our school. We have our own allotment and chickens! We have three elected pupil councils: the School Council, Eco-Council and Safety Council.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school where all the staff are dedicated to assist in your child's development to the best of their ability.

We believe that when a strong partnership exists between home and school, a child is able to succeed in gaining a good education. We want you, and indeed need you, to be continually involved with us in your child's learning. We encourage open and honest discussions about achievements, successes, problems, difficulties and many other areas of your child's development.

As a Church of England school our Christian character is built on the key values of love, respect and forgiveness. Our mission statement, **"God with us, lighting the way to love and respect"** reflects the caring and kind school environment that underpins everything we do at Horwich Parish.

I trust you will always feel welcome, and that our doors are always open to you and your family. Together school and families can do great things to benefit your child and other children in school.

I hope you will find this prospectus a useful introduction to our welcoming school. Where your child's educational journey is fulfilling and one where you as parents can feel you belong. I believe that you will be able to see your child's talents flourish and their potential realised as you entrust them into our care.

You are most welcome to visit our school to meet all the people who make Horwich Parish a very special place.

I hope to meet you soon and look forward to working together with you and your children.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Debbie Mills**





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# Our Mission Statement

We believe that at Horwich Parish CE Primary School our core purpose is the children. All decisions have the children at the heart. Opportunities for our children are guided by and learning from the example and teaching of Jesus Christ. These opportunities come from an ethos and curriculum that provide maximum learning experiences for each individual child, no matter what their particular learning abilities may be.

We provide a curriculum which the children enjoy and in which everyone can be good at something. We encourage the children to show tolerance and respect for each other, respect for themselves and those working with them. We expect the children to set themselves high standards, to take pride in their work, be good role models and do their best.

We provide curriculum enrichment activities including first hand experiences, creative opportunities, visits and visitors.

We will offer every child at Horwich Parish the chance to achieve as much as they are able. We will achieve high standards for all children, giving them secure foundations for future learning and success in life

**“ My child came home and talked about their projects with real enthusiasm.”**  
**PARENT**

**“ Pupils are very positive about the school. They are proud of it and of the work they do there.”**  
**OFSTED**





# Our Vision and Aims

“Our vision is to be a school where everyone can achieve and “let their light shine” both individually and collectively as a community.

Learning to love each other as Jesus has loved us, respecting each other and growing into the people God has called us to be.”

## We are a Church school with strong Christian values that permeate throughout the life of our school.

At Horwich Parish Church of England Primary School we provide the best possible education for our pupils by:

- Recognising each pupil as an individual, enabling and facilitating them to reach their potential.
- Providing an exciting and creative broad and balanced curriculum.
- Developing our pupils academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally in preparation for their future life.
- Providing a purposeful and safe environment where pupils are engaged, challenged and encouraged to take risks.
- Nurture an environment where everyone feels valued, respected and safe.
- Develop confident, resilient, happy and resourceful pupils.



# Curriculum

Our curriculum has been designed in collaboration with staff and children to ensure that it is unique and fitting for the needs and context of Horwich Parish School.

We provide a curriculum which **challenges, excites** and ignites **curiosity** in our children.

It exposes children to **engaging experiences**, inside and outside the classroom.

Topics and lessons are planned to develop a deep contextual understanding and **love of learning** and allow children to commit knowledge to **long term memory**.

**Effective** and **engaging** classroom environments support and enrich the children's learning experiences and **celebrate** their achievements.

“ My child has loved their time at Horwich Parish. I know they are ready for high school with all the skills they need. ”  
**PARENT**





# Behaviour

Horwich Parish is a school with a tradition of high standards of behaviour from it's children. We expect children to be punctual, polite and of a smart appearance.

We foster all the Christian values and in particular in line with our mission statement, love and respect.

We teach children to treat others as they would like to be treated.

**“ Pupils behave well and they are enthusiastic learners. They want to succeed. They respect each other and have a good understanding of British values. ”**  
**OFSTED**

# Pupil Voice

We have several councils that children serve on if they are elected to do so by their class.

Our School Council and Safety Council consist of two elected members from each year group from Year 2 to 6. Meetings allow pupils to make a positive contribution towards the running of the school.

Our Eco Council meet weekly and run our school allotment. The children grow fresh vegetables which are served as part of our school meal system and sell their produce to the school community. We also have our very own Horwich Parish chickens!

Our worship group meet weekly to plan and evaluate worship in school.

The school elects a Head boy/girl, Deputy Head boy/girl and Prefects at the beginning of every academic year. They represent the school, support the work of the school and help make decisions on the running of the school.

“Safeguarding is a priority in the school. Robust systems are in place, they are shared with parents, and all staff understand them.”

**OFSTED**



# Pastoral Care

Children are happy and safe at Horwich Parish. The importance attached to pastoral care and developing as a caring school is something which runs through every thread of our school life and is inherent in our Christian tradition. Great emphasis is placed upon caring for one another and giving rather than receiving.





# Growth Mindset

At Horwich Parish we embed a **'Growth Mindset'** across the school.

Growth Mindset is simply an approach to learning in school and life beyond. The principles come from years of research by Dr Carol Dweck of Stanford University.

In a Growth Mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence.

Developing a Growth Mindset can help to remove invisible barriers to learning as pupils begin to realise that we can all grow in our abilities through hard work, perseverance and practice.

**“ Children settle quickly into the early years. Staff ensure that they are well cared for and their learning needs are met. ”**  
**OFSTED**







“ Pupils know how to stay safe in different situations. They feel very safe and secure in school because they know that members of staff care for them and will keep them safe. ” **OFSTED**



Our school PTA support the school in a variety of ways to enhance the opportunities and experiences the children are provided over their school life.

They organise our summer and Christmas fayres as well as our school discos. They have organised a 'colour run' on the school field and even provided £5000 towards the cost of providing a school library.

The PTA consists of school and parents working together to enhance every child's time at Horwich Parish CE Primary School.

## Horwich Parish PTA



“ Governors know the school well. ”  
**OFSTED**





### Developing the church school ethos

- A new logo to reflect the new mission statement
- A new school prayer
- ISing pop – school made their own CD
- Active worship group

### Developing our school

- New school website
- New bespoke curriculum
- New school library
- Active PTA fundraising for the school

# Celebrations

### Opportunities for the pupils

- School linking project
- Shows / performances at the end of each term
- Active School Council, Safety Council and Eco Council
- Forest school sessions

### Sporting achievements

- Boys and girls football team
- Cross country team, rounders team and tennis
- Many children working at county and national level in cross country, BMX riding, dancing, gymnastics & Ju Jitsu

The children at Horwich Parish compete in competitions throughout the year in a range of sports at a high standard. Children have represented Bolton and their county in a number of different sports. At a local level the children often win events and are very proud of the full trophy cabinet containing the results of their amazing achievements.

### Community links

- Our allotment is also utilised by local nursery schools – we grow and sell our own produce!

“ Pupils are very proud of their successes in sports competitions and of their participation in musical activities. They have a strong understanding of British values and of equality. ”

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# & Achievements

“ The school provides lots of different activities and opportunities for my child over the year. ”  
**PARENT**





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