

Farington Moss St. Paul's C. of E. Primary School



Head teacher: Mrs. Alison Gibson

Deputy Head Teacher: Mr. James Eccleston (Y.6 Teacher)

Four Full time teachers and five part-time teachers

Number on roll: 192 children

Ofsted rating: GOOD June 2017

SIAMS rating: OUTSTANDING November 2014

Children are the future of the Church and at St Paul's, we are proud to say that we have a positive working relationship with our school.



The pupils and staff attend and lead services in Church celebrating the major Christian festivals throughout the Church year. At the end of each term a service is also held in Church. Harvest time is celebrated with school presentations, donated gifts from the pupils and children's work displayed in Church for parishioners to enjoy. In recent years we have begun to celebrate Advent in Church with all KS2 classes leading the service. At the Parish Christmas Carol service, school sing carols and

the Head Teacher reads a lesson. These services are always well attended and bring the School and Church family closer together.

School also supports Church events, recently running a chocolate tombola at the Parish fair and taking part in competitions.

The partnership between Church and School is reciprocal. Members of the congregation visit school for worship and other special events as school performances. School welcomes these visitors.

The current incumbent visits school regularly as part of his ministry. He leads worship, supports the Religious Education curriculum by team teaching with teachers and often dines with the children building positive relationships. He also provides pastoral support for the Head Teacher. Once again the incumbent will prepare Y.6 pupils for confirmation in an after school session.

During his time with the Blackburn Diocese, Bishop Philip has also visited school and led worship sharing his warmth and commitment to our School.



Each month the children and staff contribute to the Parish magazine sharing school news ranging from visits, lessons, work and photographs.



In July 2017 the School was accredited with the Church School Distinctiveness Award for 'Worship, Values and Spiritual development.' Leading on Gospel values is core to our School ethos.

In our last SIAMS inspection the school was graded 'Outstanding,' a true validation of the Christian ethos of the School and our links with the Parish.

In the SIAMS report it was noted that;

- "Worship is central to school life and inspires the day to day actions of the whole community. It is respected, valued and enjoyed by staff and children who talk about how it enriches their lives."
- "Children enjoy their involvement in worship. They lead confidently with a relaxed yet reverent atmosphere."
- "Parents say that worship in school is a celebration and that it actively promotes Christian values with a clear focus on love and friendship. One parent emphasised, 'God is a presence in this school.'"
- "The school fulfils its Christian responsibility by ensuring that spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is at the heart of its work."
- "Mutually supportive links with the local church make a significant contribution to the Christian character of the school."



In a recent parental questionnaire comments included;

- The School is very well led and the strong link with St. Paul's Church is very important too.'
- Our children are thriving at this School and I would like to thank you for all the hard work and effort given to make this happen. Thank you!'
- 'Strong leadership at all levels.'
- 'This is a brilliant School and my children are very happy here.'

As we move forward, both the School staff and the members of St Paul's congregation are working hard to maintain and build upon the current good working relationship.