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**Prospectus** 



# Welcome

At Holy Trinity C of E Infant School we understand that a child's formative years of education are pivotal in shaping their longer term approach to learning. Our team constantly strive to provide the best possible experiences and opportunities for all of our children, supporting them on a journey to become life-long learners.

To achieve this, we create a safe, happy, and stimulating environment in which children feel confident to try their hardest and realise their full potential. We encourage and foster independence, within a culture that is highly nurturing, and where we enjoy celebrating individual and collaborative success.

We believe that education is a partnership between home and school, and encourage the involvement of parents and carers in all aspects of school life. We hope this prospectus will provide you with information and insight into what we have to offer, and warmly invite you to visit us to learn more about this very special place, affectionately known locally as 'the hidden gem'.

Mrs M Thompson - Headteacher



# **About Us**

Holy Trinity C of E Infant School is a voluntary controlled academy. We are situated on Westgate, adjacent to Holy Trinity Church, with which we have historic links dating back to 1848, when the school was built to provide education for infant age children within the congregation and local community. Those links remain exceptionally strong today.

Our picturesque setting and beautiful Victorian building provides a unique environment, where old meets new, and traditional meets contemporary. The children spend their school days within a setting steeped in history, while benefitting from modern classrooms, facilities and resources. Holy Trinity is a smaller than average infant school, catering for 4-7 year olds, with a maximum capacity of 75 pupils. Our size lends itself well to a true family ethos, where parents can be assured that their child will be well known and understood by all of the team.

We were inspected by Ofsted in September 2013 and received an Outstanding judgement in all areas. Our school community work incredibly hard to maintain this high standard for all of our children. In March 2019 we received our SIAMS inspection in which we got an Excellent judgement. We are particularly proud of this as a church school.





# **MITRE**

The Minster Trust for Education (MITRE) was formed by a committed group of schools in and around the town of Southwell, Nottinghamshire. These schools have worked as a close family for many years and wish to continue their work together as a multi-academy trust to both secure and continue to improve the quality of education in the local area, welcoming other schools who share a similar philosophy.

Holy Trinity has been involved in the development of the Trust from the very beginning, formally joining in November 2019. One of the many positive aspects of MITRE is that each individual academy is encouraged to maintain its own character and unique qualities - something that we have an abundance of here at Holy Trinity.

As part of the Trust we have a robust school improvement system that provides challenge and support to continually build on our practice, and ensure that every child reaches their full potential.







# **Vision & Values**

We consider it our responsibility to give the children that we are entrusted with the best possible start to their education. This is embodied in our vision:

"I can, you can, together we can grow to be the best that God created us to be"

(Rooted in John 13:24 Love one another as God loves us.),

This vision is woven into every strand of our philosophy and practice, and works exceptionally well as our children develop independence and a spirit of togetherness that is built on our Christian values:

Respect - Kindness - Honesty - Forgiveness - Responsibility



Pupils are proud of their school and behaviour is exemplary.

(Ofsted)







# Curriculum

Holy Trinity offers a broad, vibrant and meaningful Early Years and Key Stage 1 curriculum which reflects and values the world around us. Our children are encouraged to learn in an active way by observing, questioning, investigating and drawing conclusions. We explore big questions, look for awe and wonder in our world and teach our children to reflect on what they have learned.

We value outdoor learning and the opportunities it brings to our children, so endeavour to embed this within our curriculum, along with being good citizens and playing an active part within our community.



We have a programme of visits throughout the year which support and build upon the curriculum. These include trips to farms and wildlife life sanctuaries, the theatre, local parks and forests, museums and places of worship. We also have a range of visitors to our school including police, fire brigade, RNLI, nurses, musicians, authors, and representatives from a range of local places of worship.

Providing a range of experiences for our children is very important to us. We arrange a variety of extra -curricular clubs throughout the year including: Magical Maths, Mad Science, Little Wickets, iPad, Drumba, tennis, dance and gymnastics to name a few!









# **Transition**

We understand that starting school is an important milestone in your child's life, and at Holy Trinity we aim to make it as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We provide a number of visit days to support the children to feel familiar with the school and the staff team, as well as having opportunity to play with their new classmates and start to build friendships. We will visit pre-school settings, and can offer home visits, with the purpose of forming positive relationships and getting to know your child in environments that are already familiar to them.

At the end of Year 2, as our children prepare to leave Holy Trinity to embark on their Key Stage 2 education, we have a very well-established transition programme with Lowe's Wong Junior School, the feeder school for the majority of our pupils. All Year 2 pupils will have opportunity to visit their new schools for taster days, and our staff liaise closely with your child's new settings to ensure that a thorough handover of relevant information takes place.

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Everyone flourishes because they feel highly valued as individuals and are treated with the greatest of dignity and respect.

(SIAMS)





# **Wrap Around Care**

Families lead busy lives, balancing work commitments and the logistics of childcare on a daily basis. At Holy Trinity you have access to onsite, high quality, reliable childcare provision that is managed by the school and governing body. We hope that our comprehensive offer will make life that little bit easier for you!

Starting at 7.30am with our Breakfast Club and finishing at 6pm with our After School Club, your child will be cared for by qualified play leaders, who provide a range of fun and engaging activities, as well as nutritious meals and snacks.

Uniquely, our wrap around care provision is also available to older siblings and ex-pupils up to the age of 11, who attend our feeder junior school. With the availability of a Walking Bus between the two school sites, our staff can drop-off and pick-up your child from their classroom.

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You are an extension of our family. The school is so welcoming; we feel like we belong.

(Parent)

