



## Who We Are

St Chad's is a small infant school with a big heart. We are very proud of our school's long serving history and the strong links that we have with our community and St Augustine's Church.

Although a Church of England school, we serve a rich, diverse and multicultural catchment. English is the second language for the majority of our children.

There are currently 132 children on roll. We have a morning Nursery class (welcoming Rising 3s), two Reception classes and three infant classes.

Our school vision, **LOVE**, permeates every aspect of school life. We:

Look after our school and each other  
Only ever do our best  
Value everyone and remember our manners  
Enjoy our learning!

We endeavour to give every child memorable learning experiences, full of laughs and smiles, that will last a lifetime. Through our Christian rooted school vision and ethos, we teach our children to love themselves, one another, their learning, their community and our beautiful world.

Life at St Chad's is fun and filled with exciting and memorable learning. Every child is known as an individual. We value strong home-school partnerships and we endeavour to celebrate the achievements and *Golden Moments* of all of our children. Our daily adult Stay and Learn sessions, half-termly parent workshops, Golden Book celebrations, Lunchtime LOVE Table and Kings and Queens ceremonies are some of the strategies that we have adopted to ensure that all of our children are happy, confident and successful.

## Our Provision

Over the past year, we have been on an exciting journey of school improvement:

- Throughout the school, there is a strong emphasis on **Communication and Language**. We follow Talk for Writing and we have refined our universal teaching strategies through the use of **Word Aware**. We lead daily targeted interventions through the use of **Early Talk Boost and Key Stage 1 Talk Boost**.
- We advocate **Communication Friendly Spaces** and we have a uniformed and consistent approach to learning environments and display boards throughout the whole of our school. We exhaust every opportunity to promote **language and talk** and we have recently overhauled our **Home Learning** with a 'Let's Talk' focus.
- We value the **importance of play** and we do not set 'Themes' or 'Units of Work' across our Foundation Stage. We have recently introduced ***In the Moment Planning*** across our Nursery and Reception classes.
- We follow **White Rose Maths** but have also introduced our own mathematical strategies to support teaching and learning: Numicon and 'KIRFs' (*Key Instant Recall Facts*) feature in our daily lessons.
- We have a high number of **New to English children** and we have developed robust and consistent induction procedures for all of our children. Communication and



Language Profiling and Talk Boxes are some of the strategies that we use to ensure a happy and successful transition to our school. We assess using **Speech Link** and **Language Link** and **The Bell Foundation**.

- We have developed a consistent approach to our **Collective Worship**. Our **Values in Action** approach ensures joined-up links to our school vision and the Christian values. **Mindfulness** strategies have been introduced to help support our children's spiritual development.
- Although an infant's school, we have a very active **School Council** who are heavily involved in key decision-making in and around school.
- We have recently re-designed our **school curriculum**, advocating a **Head, Hands and Heart** approach, underpinned by quality talk and language.
- Over the past 12 months we have focussed heavily on **parental engagement**. We successfully run daily Stay and Learn sessions (with 100% attendance), regular curriculum workshops and bespoke parent classes.

We are proud of our school, our children and our community and we are continually seeking ways to improve our provision for the future. Our recent Ofsted Monitoring Visit (October 2017) states that '*improvements are taking place at a swift pace*' and that '*we have a renewed energy and drive across the school*'.

We recognise that we are not perfect and we are excited to engage in Open Weeks to help network and experience best practice in other schools.

If you are interested in finding out more, then we would **LOVE** to share our school with you. We look forward to welcoming visitors into our school on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November for a 9am start**.

Please can I kindly ask that you complete the booking form and return via email to Chris Richardson: [Christopher.Richardson@stchads.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Christopher.Richardson@stchads.derby.sch.uk)

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