



Sacred Heart

Catholic Voluntary Academy



Headteacher's



Welcome

I am extremely lucky to be Headteacher of this wonderfully rich and vibrant school. The staff and Governors of Sacred Heart seek to provide a positive and happy working environment, where children are valued for their academic and social worth.

We aim to ensure that each child develops a life-long love of learning in a happy and caring environment that bears witness to our Gospel values. We aim to create opportunities to develop independence, confidence, and collaboration, recognising that everyone has their own unique talents which we work with you to develop.

We greatly appreciate the contribution parents make to our children's education and welcome you visiting us to see the school in operation. We believe that having a close partnership between parents, school and our Parish Church is the key to success, we are here to work with you to ensure the very best possible experience for your child.

Miss Caroline Hornsby
Headteacher



Education must pay regard to the formation of the whole person, so that all may attain their eternal destiny and at the same time promote the common good of society

Canon 795, Code of Canon Law



Our primary Mission

At Sacred Heart, we are very proud of our school motto and our Catholic ethos: Hardworking, Enthusiastic, Aspirational, Respectful and Togetherness.

We aim to develop a caring Catholic Community based upon the life and example of Jesus Christ, which embraces the life and lives of everyone and everything in our school.

Jesus' message of love and forgiveness that children, staff, parents and governors uphold, preserves the essential Catholic ethos of our school. We aim to assure all children that they are valued, and they in turn are encouraged to show respect and to value each other and the community.

This message is reinforced through our Collective Worship within school and also with the parish. Our basic objective is to enable each child to strive for excellence and achieve their true potential within a happy Christian environment. We also aim to prepare our children to take their place in society as well-rounded and responsible citizens, with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to contribute to the life and culture of our society.

Our Vision

It is through Christ's message of love and forgiveness that the children, staff (both teachers and ancillary), parents and governors preserve the essential Catholic ethos of the school.

The school aims to provide a challenging curriculum that reflects our philosophy, broadly balanced and relevant, and to support the development of the whole child to his/her full potential. At Sacred Heart, everybody matters; therefore we encourage all to show respect to each other and the environment.

Innovative and effective learning and teaching strategies are core and school leaders use current research to inform decisions ensuring an effective curriculum.

We have a vibrant, inspiring, dynamic and technological learning environment. It is child-centred and inspires independence.

Learning takes place in a range of settings in and around the school grounds, from the bright, learning centred classrooms, Enhanced Provision and quiet rooms, to our outdoor learning environment. This includes a Forest School site, a pond, sports pitches, trim trails, playgrounds, reading areas and the creative, child-led EYFS outdoor learning area.

The design of all classrooms provides direct, safe access to outdoor learning opportunities providing for the differing learning styles and needs of all pupils.

'Inspectors' scrutiny of pupils' workbooks shows that pupils across the school are making strong progress in different subjects.'

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Our learning environment

Our curriculum

Our Faith arches over our curriculum, which is rooted in Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching principles. Our curriculum is knowledge rich and ambitious for all our learners from Nursery to Year 6.

Our curriculum follows six further themes: Our Lives, Our Diversity, Our Creativity, Our Discoveries, Our Histories and Our Common Home. These allow our children to develop deeper knowledge and understanding as they progress through each year group.

Teaching and learning

Our curriculum is enhanced through additional opportunities to engage individual and group activities. These include:

- Instrumental music tuition
- Singing coaching, school choir
- Engagement in achieving national awards
- Our Eco Parliament, School Parliament, Chaplaincy Team, Well-Being Leaders and Play Leaders
- Parish and community work
- Sporting events and competitions
- Trips, visits and inspirational visitors
- Teaching and learning

Our teachers ensure that every lesson is planned so that pupils can be challenged and supported whatever their ability. Teachers track pupils' progress carefully, utilising immediate in-the-moment feedback and use this to inform their day-to-day and medium-term planning.

Every class is supported by a teaching assistant who provides small group and individual support and challenge.

Our teachers and teaching assistants receive quality and research-led CPD through our Trust and external providers.



Within our school, we recognise not only the importance of helping students to flourish academically but also spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. This ensures that pupils are fully prepared for life in British society and for their role as citizens and are able to make the strongest possible contribution to the Common Good of all.

We teach the importance of British values by going much deeper into the meaning of what it means to live a good life, within a framework of Catholic Christian Values. This provides the context and meaning for understanding why British values are important.

Our framework for understanding British values draws on the example of Jesus and his welcome and inclusion of all, which is developed in Catholic Social Teaching.

Catholic social teaching and British values



Beyond the curriculum

At Sacred Heart, we are delighted that we can offer a wide range of enrichment clubs to our children. They are run by staff from our school or by qualified external instructors, and take place after school.

We offer a range of after school enrichment clubs that include physical activity clubs and creative clubs.

Our school also provides wrap around care provision from an external provider for holiday childcare.

Developing the whole child

Enrichment activities

We want every child at Sacred Heart to participate in our Enrichment Clubs as we have seen that students who take an active role in the enrichment activities display higher levels of self-esteem, a heightened sense of belonging, increased attendance and develop positive friendship groups. This can help improve the students' moral and social development, health and wellbeing and academic performance. You will see from the range of clubs and opportunities that we have on offer that there really is something for everyone.

Forest Schools

All pupils have an opportunity every year to engage with the Forest Schools programme at an age appropriate level as they move through school. Forest Schools is a child-centered inspirational learning process. It is a long-term programme that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in our beautiful, natural and extensive outdoor learning environment.

Sporting activities

Our pupils take part in a wide range of sports, both within the curriculum, and through extra-curricular clubs. We recognise that sport should be enjoyed by children at every level, but we also appreciate the value of nurturing a natural and friendly competitive spirit in our pupils. We aim for every pupil to experience pride in representing the school at some point during their time at Sacred Heart.

After School Club

At Sacred Heart, we are committed to providing a high-quality childcare wraparound care provision for all our children.

Breakfast club is open Monday to Friday during term-time only, (excluding Bank Holidays and INSET Days) from 7.45am until 8.45am.

After School Club is from 3.25pm until 4.30pm.

We have links to local holiday clubs and further information is available from our school office.





Achieving full potential

Our pupils take pride in their faith and live out the Church's teachings through their words and actions. This includes welcoming, including and celebrating pupils who have different beliefs.

They have an acute understanding of what's right and wrong. They achieve happiness through self-respect and respect for others. They embrace and understand their own community and are always curious and interested in the wider community and how they can contribute to a better world for all.

Throughout the year, and linked to our curriculum themes classes research and present assemblies based upon one of 'Our Influencers'. These are people from across history and from a diverse background of culture, religion and disability who have influenced our lives today. We look at what they have done to change the world and what we can do to follow in their footsteps.

The pupils directly contribute to our learning environment, acts of worship, charitable activities, fundraising, and celebrations, all of which develop the Catholic character of our school and prepare them for their lives beyond the school gates.

'Teachers plan a wide range of activities that encourage pupils to write with a sense of purpose across the curriculum.'

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Pupils from Sacred Heart also do great work in the local community, supporting the local food banks and by sorting donations, encouraging members of the public to donate in local supermarkets and visiting our local care home to play games with their residents. All of these experiences enable our pupils to have wider opportunities to develop their sense of self and living like Jesus taught us.

Our school has strong links with Catholic Community of East Nottingham and Sacred Heart Church; together we are at the heart of a close-knit and thriving parish life. Our Parish Priest plays an active part in daily school life and worship. Throughout the academic year we have Masses at the church and within school that parents and the local community are encouraged to attend.

Our community

At Sacred Heart, we greatly value working with parents/ carers and respect and appreciate your opinions and contribution to continuing school development so that we can provide our pupils with the best possible education. We passionately believe in a strong and positive partnership between pupil, parent and school. We believe that good communication between parents/ carers and school is vital for pupils to succeed.

Before starting school in reception or our nursery, there will be an opportunity for new pupils to visit their class and parents/carers to attend an information meeting where they can ask any questions they may have.

Our Friends of Sacred Heart parent volunteers are extremely proactive and successful, working very hard to raise funds not only for school projects but also local and national charities. Our Friends of Sacred Heart, alongside staff, organise most of the fundraising activities in school and play a vital role in our school community. All information about our fundraising projects and activities can be found on our website.

Joining Sacred Heart

You are warmly invited to visit our school and see the children involved in their learning; this can be arranged by calling the school office and making an appointment. Children can join Nursery as soon as possible after they turn three provided we have a space available. Children join Reception in the September after they turn four.

The Academy Trust admissions arrangements, including over subscription criteria and the appeals process, are available on our school website:

www.sacredheart.notts.sch.uk/parents/admissions

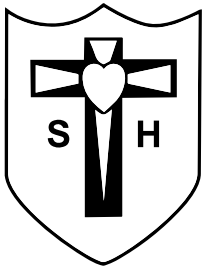
Applications for places in the nursery can be made directly to the school by contacting the school office.



'Pupils and parents praise the warm, family feel of the school.'

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