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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to Holy Name Roman Catholic Primary School. We believe that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important responsibilities you undertake. It is my very great honour to work with our dedicated governors, to lead this OUTSTANDING, successful and thriving school. It is a very friendly school where children are encouraged to become confident, caring and articulate and to use their abilities to the full. We provide a calm and happy atmosphere and set the highest standards of respect, courtesy, hard work and achievement for all children and adults.

It is our mission to provide the best quality education for the whole child, working together with parents and carers so that children develop a love for learning. It is also our mission to be a caring family school at the heart of the community. Strong, committed partnerships between our school and our parents play a crucial role in our children's development into young adults. By working together we will give your child the best start in life.

At Holy Name RC we always put children first; this aim is at the heart of our vision. Every child is unique. Every child deserves the opportunity to be happy, feel valued and experience success. If, in future years, our children look back and say that Holy Name Roman Catholic Primary School made a positive difference to their lives then we, as professionals and parents, will have succeeded.

Holy Name RC is part of the Diocese of Salford and Manchester Local Authority. We strive to promote the values of our Christian faith throughout our daily life. We provide a religious syllabus, which develops our children's knowledge and understanding of our faith. However, more important to this school are those values, which we try to relate to all the aspects of our life within the Faith Community of our Parish. Children in Key Stage 2 attend weekly Praise every Friday afternoon and we would be delighted if you could join us.

We have a highly trained, dedicated team who are deeply committed to providing a high quality education for our children. We offer skilled teaching and high academic standards as well as concentrating on the education of the whole child. We care for each child's needs within a family context of firm yet sensitive guidance. Creativity, fun and broadening horizons are central to our work. We find as many ways as possible to do this so we are always working for exciting contexts for real learning as well as providing a solid understanding of the basics. This includes providing;

- A range of educational trips including a trip abroad for Year 6 to Spain and regular visits to museums, art galleries and libraries
- A range of extra curricular activities suitable to the age of the children such as prayer group, breakfast club, street dance, art club and culture club.
- A Music teacher to teach all children how to read musical notation through the playing of steel pans in Key Stage 2
- Spanish is taught to all children in Key Stage 2

All of this at little or no cost to parents.

We also have an established Eco Council as a forum for children where their views and opinions are listened to and acted upon.

We are well thought of in the community, locally, nationally and also internationally – being the only primary school in Manchester to be granted the full International Schools Award in recognition for our outstanding international dimension work within the Curriculum three times from 2005 - 2014.

We also have the Active Mark for our commitment to delivering a varied and enriched physical activity programme.

We are very proud of our children and are regularly praised for their behaviour both in and out of school. The wide range of cultures and backgrounds of the children make belonging to Holy Name RC School an interesting, rewarding and uplifting experience. Many people are struck by how special our school is when they visit.

If you are finding out about the Holy Name for the first time, this website will only give you a flavour of the many aspects of school life and I am sure that you will have many questions. Please feel free to contact school and make an appointment to look around or to talk. I believe passionately that if you come and visit our school you will experience first hand the happy, inclusive ethos and excitement for learning that exists within our school community.

I look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Gordon  
Headteacher