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Not just a school; a family.

Our Prospectus

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As the Headteacher of this wonderful school, I want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to **you all**.

At St Veronica's, we want our children to be aspirational thinkers and learners. We don't believe in putting a ceiling on a child's potential, we want them to believe they can achieve greatness and be the very best version of themselves. Our dedicated team of passionate staff are committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where children can thrive academically, socially, morally and emotionally. We want exceptional behaviour, modelled by our staff who have high expectations and offer a broad curriculum filled with challenge and ambition for all.

OFSTED and the Diocese of Salford recognise us as being an **Outstanding** school. Our motto, vision and values, as underpinned by our Mission Statement, set our standard for excellence where **every** child is valued as a child of God. At St Veronica's children are proud of the what they do and we celebrate their gifts and talents each week at our Praise Assembly. We have a strong relationship with Rev Fr. Broadley within the parish of St Marie's and beyond academics, we offer a wide range of enriching extracurricular activities, allowing our students to explore their passions and develop new interests. From sports to arts, music to science clubs, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

As a small school, each child is known, loved and welcomed like a family member: **'Not just a school; a family.'**

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Mrs Nicola White

Our Mission Statement

At St Veronica's, our Mission Statement is at the heart of everything we do. It guides our decision-making and shapes our approach to teaching and learning.

Secure in the love of Jesus, we

Try to do our best.

Valuing all God's family, we recognise that

Each one of us is special.

Respecting everything God has made, we use

Opportunities to explore and learn.

Never overlooking the needs of others, we

Include everyone, helped by our

Caring, friendly, Catholic community.

Always forgiving, we

Share and celebrate the life of Jesus.



We are St Veronica's...

and being nestled in the rolling hills of Lancashire, our school boasts stunning views of the surrounding countryside, which provide a peaceful and tranquil environment for children to learn and grow. Our Catholic ethos permeates school life and our children are encouraged to live out our values in their daily interactions with others.



We work smartly...

and the **School Hub** section of our website is your go-to resource for the school year. We keep you informed via **TheSchoolApp** and you can sync our **calendars** on your phone or desktop. Paying for dinner money, trips or events is just a single click on **ParentPay**. Plus, catch a glimpse of our daily adventures on **Facebook**. We've got it all taken care of.



We achieve great things...

and we are committed to providing a well-rounded education that focuses on academic excellence and personal development. Our highly qualified and experienced teachers are dedicated to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential and our children consistently achieve high results in both national and school assessments.



We invest in technology...

and computing plays a significant role in enhancing the learning experience of our children. We are always bringing in new technology and our resources allow pupils to participate in interactive activities that bring learning to life. Children are also taught how to use software, kicking off digital literacy skills that are vital for success in today's digital world.



We have staff who specialise in SEND...

and we understand that every child is unique and has different needs. We have staff who specialise in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive. We are experienced in working with a wide range of needs and we have a variety of strategies and programmes in place to support our children.



In summary...

St Veronica's is a small, family school that offers more. We provide abundant opportunity, top-notch teaching, continual access to music and sports and our results speak for themselves. Our commitment to our children is unwavering and we strive to ensure that they receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in all aspects of life.



We know it's not just the classroom...

and we are committed to promoting physical health and well-being too. We provide a range of sports and fitness activities that encourage students to lead an active lifestyle and develop healthy habits that will stay with them throughout their lives. We also have a strong sense of community and parents are actively encouraged to be involved in their child's education.



We believe that every child has the potential to **succeed and thrive** and we are dedicated to helping your child achieve their full potential. You have discovered just a taste what St Veronica's has to offer, so what comes next?

Joining Us

Our school community is here to support and guide you. We can help you through the process to make it as **easy as possible**.

If you are considering sending your child to our school, we invite you to contact us to arrange a personalised tour or speak with a member of our staff. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide you with more information about our school and our approach to education. We also offer open days and coffee mornings throughout the year. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming your child into our school.

Are you applying for the next reception intake?

If you have decided that St Veronica's is for your child, rest assured, we are deeply humbled by your decision to entrust your child's education to us and we pledge to uphold the responsibility that comes with it. Our commitment to you and your child is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that promotes learning, personal growth and character development. Our Admissions Policy (see online or via separate hard copy) outlines the criteria for admission for the next reception intake. **This criteria will only be applied in the case of over-subscription.**

Your next steps:

Come see us if you haven't already done so.

Applications are made via **www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools**





Joining Us

Or are you interested in transferring?

We understand that the outcome of the schools application process can be a stressful and emotional experience for parents and sometimes choices don't go the way we expected or wanted. Perhaps you are currently exploring the possibility of enrolling your child in a different school and are understandably mindful of the potential impact that such a change may have on them. We want to reassure you that we understand. We recognise that selecting the right school for your child can be a challenging and emotional decision and we are here to support you in any way we can and make the transition as smooth as possible.

We are **delighted** to inform parents that we currently have some spaces available for children to join our school in all of our classes from **Reception** to **Year 6**. You need not be in our catchment area nor of a particular faith. Our school community is dedicated to providing an exceptional education and a supportive environment for all children, underpinned by the teachings of the Catholic faith, regardless of their background or abilities. We welcome children from all walks of life and are committed to promoting a culture of diversity, inclusivity and respect.

Your next step:

Simply call **01706 226315** or email **bursar@stveronicas.co.uk** and we will take it from there.



Curriculum

At St Veronica's, we follow the government's requirement of teaching a set range of subjects known as the "National Curriculum." This includes core subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science and RE, which form a significant part of our timetable. Foundation subjects like History, Geography, Design Technology, Music, Art and PE make up the remaining time. We also teach Computing using the Rising Stars Scheme of Work and German is introduced in Key Stage 2.

Our teachers create long-term plans for each subject, carefully outlining the curriculum objectives and content to be covered. From these long-term plans, class-based curriculum maps are developed. These maps provide more detail of the topics and themes to be explored throughout the academic year, both at class level and, where necessary, class and subject level. They serve as a roadmap

for delivering the curriculum in a coherent and comprehensive manner. Furthermore, to support a child's learning and understanding, we provide knowledge organisers. These handy short guides contain key information, facts and concepts related to the topic areas and themes,

empowering our children with the knowledge they need to succeed.



Curriculum

Each half term we explore an exciting new theme based on the Lancashire Topic Material. While we use this as a foundation for our learning, we have tailored it to create a more unique and bespoke experience for our children. Some units are not linked to the Lancashire Topic Material but have been thoughtfully designed by our teachers to align with specific themes. Our teachers plan lessons in both core and foundation subjects that revolve around the class topic.

We encourage parents to speak to class teachers about any aspect of the curriculum. We place our Long Term Plans, Curriculum Maps, Knowledge Organisers and Class Timetables online for your convenience.

In-school music lessons under professional instruction are available for a variety of musical instruments.

As a Roman Catholic school, we place an emphasis on RE. Our syllabus adheres to the current Salford Diocesan RE Guidelines, known as "Come and See," ensuring a meaningful and comprehensive religious education for our children.



Enrichment Opportunities

We promote a complete development journey through enriching experiences. They are carefully curated to enhance creativity, physical skills, teamwork, self-confidence and cultural awareness.

For example, our free after-school sessions are a hub of creativity and learning where children can delve into their passions. From art to sports, music to drama, computing to reading, each session is led by class teachers who bring expertise and enthusiasm to guide our children.

Experiential learning at places like The Farm, Helmsore Textile Museum and local residential homes, our children gain real-world insights and connect their classroom knowledge to the world around them.



Engaging in sporting competitions like football, cricket and handball fosters teamwork, discipline and resilience whilst participating in our PTFA events and charity drives instil values of empathy, generosity and community engagement.

We often have visitors such as local dental nurses, the police, the fire brigade, local religious leaders and more.

Recent Results

We take pride in our approach to education, which has led to outstanding outcomes for our children. Our success is built upon working smartly, freeing up our time to craft lessons, maximise our teaching time and create a positive learning environment for all.

Our commitment to holistic development ensures that our children leave St Veronica's not only academically prepared but also well-rounded individuals, ready to embrace future challenges with confidence and resilience. As a result of our effective approach, our Key Stage 2 SATs results continue to rank among the best in the country, a testament to the dedication and passion of our entire school community. Recently we achieved the following results*:

Year 6 SATs Attainment	St Veronica's	National Average
Reading	94%	73%
Writing	91%	71%
Maths	94%	73%
R+W+M Combined	91%	59%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	97%	72%
Science	96%	80%

* KS2 Summer 2023

Catholic Life of our School

With the Five W's

At St Veronica's, we embrace the Five W's, a framework established by Salford Diocese, which guides us in recognising the significance of our actions and striving to walk in the footsteps of God. It reminds us of what truly matters and inspires us to live with purpose and integrity.

The **Five W's** are:

Word (talk): we talk together as a word of God's community.

Welcome (come): we come together in welcome.

Welfare (walk): we walk together as a welfare community.

Worship (pray): we pray together as a worship community.

Witness (work): we look at our School mission statement and work together as a witness community.

We are an integral part of the parish of St Marie's and our local church is St. Mary's in Haslingden, Rossendale, BB4 5PG.

Our very own pupils form our **School Chaplaincy**.



Early Bird Club

St Veronica's Early Bird Club is a fantastic option for parents who want to ensure their child has a healthy and enjoyable start to their day. The club runs every weekday morning from 07:30, providing a safe and reliable way for children to begin their day. Parents can drop off their child at the club where they will receive a nutritious breakfast and be kept entertained with a variety of activities before they go to class.

The breakfast on offer at Early Bird Club is served until 08:30 and is a varied menu including a range of healthy options such as fruit, yoghurt and cereals.

Children can also choose from toast, crumpets and a selection of spreads. Drinks-wise, a choice of juice and milk is available to accompany breakfast. The aim is to ensure that children start their day with a healthy, balanced meal that will set them up for a day of learning.

Whilst at the club, children are kept entertained with a variety of activities. These range from early morning exercise to sports, yoga, dancing, arts and crafts and games.



After School Club

We understand that parents have busy lives and may not always be available to pick up their child when the school day finishes. That's



why our After School Club provides a cost-effective solution, giving parents the peace of mind that their child is in a safe and stimulating environment. Our staff are committed to ensuring that each child is happy and engaged during their time at the club and we pride ourselves on providing a

welcoming and friendly atmosphere. The club runs every weekday afternoon to 17:15 and is staffed by our experienced and friendly permanent day staff at St Veronica's.

Similar to our Early Bird Club, the After School Club offers a variety of activities to keep children entertained and engaged and activities include sports, dancing, arts and crafts and games.

Children can choose from a range of different healthy snacks and drinks each afternoon and that should see them through until tea time!



Dinner Time

Our skilful kitchen staff at St Veronica's provide nutritious and balanced meals to our children through Lancashire County Council's primary school meals provision known as "Fresher."

The "Fresher" menu has been designed to meet the specific nutritional needs of primary school children and ensures that they receive a balanced diet that includes a variety of foods from different food groups. The menu consists of a range of delicious and healthy options, including meat, fish, vegetarian and vegan options. Each meal is accompanied by a selection of vegetables, fruit and a salad bar, providing children with the necessary nutrients to maintain a healthy diet.

The meals are also free from artificial additives, preservatives and colourings. This not only ensures that children are eating a healthy diet, but also helps to develop their taste for real, fresh food.

We promote healthy eating habits through our curriculum and we encourage children to make healthy choices. We are proud of our food and for our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 it is free.

At St Veronica's, we respect a parent's choice to send their child with a packed lunch, but we would always strongly encourage that it be a healthy and balanced meal, promoting positive eating habits for their own child and their peers.



Pastoral Care to Support Children

Here is a small glimpse of our pastoral support:

Buddy System - Each new reception child is allocated a Y6 child to look after them as they settle into school. Opportunities for buddies to bond are provided during school time.

Induction Programme -

We have a structured programme for the induction of new reception children. It includes a meeting for parents, home visits and a series of visits to school. Children who join our school mid year are allocated a buddy from their own year group.

House System - All children and staff are assigned to one of four houses. House points are awarded by staff. The house with the most house points each week are given extra playtime as a reward!

Assemblies - Each Thursday afternoon we hold a Praise Assembly. Teachers select children to be included in the Golden Book on the basis of good work, effort, manners, helpfulness etc. Be sure to come along to celebrate!



Pastoral Care to Support Children

Moving On - When it's time for your child to move on from St Veronica's, we work together with all the appropriate high schools to which our children are transferring. This includes allowing high school staff to visit here to meet children and staff and also allowing the children to attend taster days and visits.

Play Leaders - Groups of Y5/Y6 children are trained to organise games for the younger children during lunchtimes.

Extra Curricular Activities - We hold a wide variety of **free** after school sessions. They are offered throughout age groups and range from arts and crafts to SATs preparation.

Fundraising - During Lent each class takes it in turn to organise games, raffles etc. The money raised is given to a selected charity.

Life Education Van - We commission the van to visit school each year which covers issues such as healthy eating, growing, keeping healthy, exercise, drugs and other topics.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At St Veronica's, we have a team of dedicated staff who specialise in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). They work to ensure that every child with SEND gets the support they need to succeed. Our SEND staff can tailor education to meet the individual needs of each child and work closely with families to provide a holistic educational package.

We also liaise with the local council to access additional resources and support, including specialist equipment and funding. Our goal is to create an inclusive environment where every child can thrive, regardless of their needs or abilities.

To assist you with any special education needs queries, we have a variety of school policies related to SEND within the policy section of our website. If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to email our SENDCO (details on the back cover) who is available to answer any questions you might have.



PTFA

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) is an integral part of our St Veronica's family. By bringing together parents, teachers and friends, it fosters a sense of belonging and togetherness, strengthening our school community. Our PTFA is a voluntary organisation that works to raise funds for the school through a variety of events, such as fairs, discos and cake sales. By doing so, our PTFA helps to provide the school with much-needed resources and equipment, making a significant difference to the education and learning experience of the children at St Veronica's.



Party Time!

All work and no play? No way! Our PTFA also organises events such as the Summer fair,

Halloween disco and the Christmas ball, which are fun and exciting parties for the children and always include disco lights, DJs, tuck shops and a whole lot more. As well as being popular with the children, these events provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to come together, socialise and have a good time. This kind of interaction helps to build and maintain a strong sense of community and promotes a positive school culture.

Our Expectations of Behaviour

Discipline

The rules of common sense apply.

Children are encouraged to behave with a sense of responsibility and self discipline. In cases of conflict, reconciliation is strongly encouraged. Unacceptable behaviour is punished by missing playtimes or other enjoyable activities and/or severe censure by the class teacher or Headteacher. In more serious cases parents will be advised and asked to lend their support.

Bullying

"It is the basic entitlement of all children....that they receive their education free from humiliation, oppressions and abuse. Education is compulsory in our society and therefore it is the responsibility of all adults to ensure that it takes place in an atmosphere which is caring and protective..."

Bullying. A Positive Perspective Tattum & Herbert

We at St Veronica's wholeheartedly endorse the above and emphasise that bullying, in any form, is totally contrary to the ethos of our school. Parents and staff are asked to watch out for early signs of bullying. Every case of bullying will be investigated and dealt with appropriately by the Headteacher.

Governing Body

The Governance Statement

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the St Veronica's R.C. Primary School Governing Body are:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction and ensure all statutory duties are met;

Holding the Headteacher to account of the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff;

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring its money is well spent.

Governing Body

*The Governing Body has two committees. The **Resources Committee** oversees finance, procurement, maintenance as well as health and safety. The **Standards and Effectiveness Committee** monitors and reviews teaching and learning, school data and statistics in order to identify strengths or any areas for improvement.*

The Full Governing Body meets three times a year.

Details of our Governing Body and meeting dates are available on our website.

Our Uniform

Our children look smart and most items of the school uniform can be purchased from any clothing retailer. Badged school uniform items such as jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from local shops too. Always think easy dress when buying!

Boys

Jumpers / Cardigans

Long sleeved, Royal blue, with St Veronica's badge.

Polo Shirts / Shirts

Long or short sleeved, White, with optional St Veronica's badge.

Trousers / Shorts

Grey

Socks

Grey / White

Footwear

Sensible flat black shoes

Indoor PE (All Children)

White T-shirt with optional St Veronica's badge

Blue or Black Shorts

Black Pumps



Our Uniform

Girls

Jumpers / Cardigans

Long sleeved, Royal blue, with St Veronica's badge.

Polo Shirts / Blouses

Long or short sleeved, White, with optional St Veronica's badge.

Trousers / Shorts / Skirts

Grey

Pinafores

Grey

Summer Dresses

Striped / Checked, Royal blue and white

Socks / Tights

Grey / White

Footwear

Sensible flat black shoes



Outdoor PE (All Children)

Black jumper or Blue hoodie with St Veronica's badge

White T-shirt with optional St Veronica's badge

Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Any trainers

Organisation Details

This school is under the control of

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford

And is administered by the Governors on behalf of

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