



# MARLBOROUGH ROAD ACADEMY



## INTRODUCTION

An exciting place to be! Marlborough Road is on an important journey. Staff are committed to improving the life chances of the children in our care by providing the very best education they can. As a team we have moved from being in Special Measures in 2009 to a position where we have been found to be 'Good' with 'Outstanding' Leadership and Management in our June 2014 Ofsted Inspection.

## CONTEXT

Marlborough Road is a two form entry primary school situated in Higher Broughton in Salford. We currently have a 'bulge class' in Year 3 and Year 4. We are a five minute journey from Manchester City Centre and the BBC MediaCity. We take advantage of this position to enhance children's learning by arranging a variety of trips and visits. Children have had a number of opportunities to take part in BBC children's shows.

Ours is a diverse community. Pupils have a wide range of backgrounds and 49 different languages are spoken in the school. Consequently we have a strong emphasis on teaching English as a second language and children make rapid progress.

The school is situated in an area of high deprivation; 67% of children are on free school meals. This does not reflect the true need of some of our pupils, as some of our families may not qualify and others are not confident in making claims. Marlborough Road has a high level of mobility and the school is organised to manage the impact of this.

Our children enter Nursery well below age related expectation. We provide full time Nursery provision. This has a very positive impact on children's learning and their start in school.

One of the great pleasures of working at Marlborough Road, is that you know that what you do can make a real difference to children's learning. Although it can be difficult to work with all the challenges that the children face it can be incredibly rewarding.



## **SALFORD ACADEMY TRUST**

We became an Academy in September 2012, with Salford Academy Trust. The Trust was created by Salford City College in partnership with Salford City Council and the University of Salford. We aim to provide a local solution to the challenges faced within the community.

As an Academy, we have been able to apply for capital funding for building works. As a result we now have a newly refurbished Infant building with a covered walkway to the Junior building. This has made an incredible difference to what was previously a dismal building with little natural light or ventilation. Our next big project, currently underway, is to complete the development of the school grounds to create an outdoor learning environment.

## **VISION**

Our vision for Marlborough Road is quite clear. Our children need to be confident and competent in the basic skills so that they have the best opportunity to improve their life chances. The focus in the school has been on providing and developing the best quality teaching to continue to raise standards. The challenging characteristics of the school have required creative leadership and teaching which is what makes the school so satisfying to work in.



## **HOW THE SCHOOL WORKS**

We currently have 476 pupils. We have a full time, 60 place Nursery and 16 classes from Reception to Year 6. We have organised the teaching so that there are 5 teachers for every 4 classes. This allows us to manage the demands of high mobility and the need for learning English in smaller groups in the morning and provides PPA in the afternoon with minimal disruption to children's learning.

We have a Speech and Language therapist in school. Her work is having a big impact on the number of children improving in their communication skills. We have a Safeguarding Officer who works on both attendance and child protection issues.

We have a team of Learning Mentors, Teaching Assistants, , Speech and Language Therapists and other specialist support staff who provide support in addressing the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning.

The school day is organised into focussing on basic skills in the morning and developing a creative curriculum in the afternoon, with a strong emphasis on applying the basic skills accurately. We encourage children to learn to apply their skills in all aspects of school life, whether it is through their academic or social learning.

## **RAISING PERFORMANCE**

Attainment at Marlborough Road has rapidly improved over the past few years. This has been due to the hard work and dedication of the staff. The improvements have continued strongly since coming out of special measures and need to continue. We work closely with children and parents to raise attendance (now at national average) and improve the quality of each child's learning. We listen carefully to what our children tell us through our good relationships with them and through pupil voice surveys. We have a clear and effective behaviour management policy which works across the school and children are aware of the school rules.

We hope this gives you a feel for our school. We would be delighted to show you around our school as we are very proud of it.