



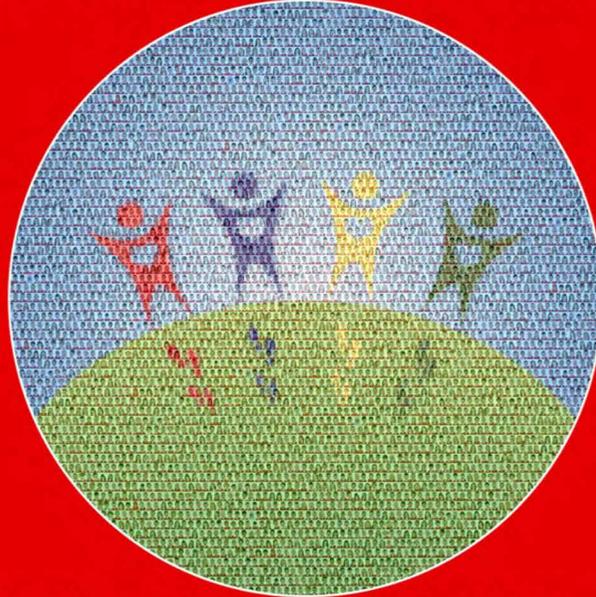
Park Hall Academy

Member of The St Bart's Multi-Academy Trust



“Continuing The Learning Journey Together”

Welcome to Park Hall Academy



Continuing The Learning Journey Together





“Just a few words to say, thank you! We are extremely proud of our child and his achievements at Park Hall. From his first day, your staff have enabled him to grow and develop on his learning journey. Thank you for everything; your care, support and “can do” attitude has enabled him to grow into a fantastic young gentleman”. (Parent)

“All members of the Park Hall family contribute to the life of our happy, friendly and successful school. Indeed it is a successful school”.

(OFSTED 2016)



Welcome to Park Hall Academy

A very warm welcome to Park Hall Academy. Just like you, we want the very best for our children. We believe that our academy is an extremely special place that can offer children an environment in which everyone shares a passion for learning and sees their futures as full of possibilities.

This prospectus is intended to give you information about our school. We also extend an invitation to you to visit our academy to see and experience for yourself our happy, friendly and successful school.

We have the highest aspirations for all children. High quality learning and teaching promotes excitement and enthusiasm for learning which enables all children to be successful, independent, confident and resilient learners. We take great pleasure in celebrating our many achievements and successes.

We ensure that our values of honesty, enjoyment, achievement, respect and teamwork are at the heart of everything we do.

Park Hall Academy is an inclusive and caring community. Together we create a nurturing and secure environment where each child is valued and recognises that they are special and important. In turn we value others and recognise our responsibilities towards one another. We are passionate about actively engaging every child in learning so that they are able to achieve their full potential, knowing that they are cared for and supported on their learning journey.

Our mission statement, “Continuing The Learning Journey Together”, reflects our commitment to continual improvement, ensuring that we provide the very best opportunities for our children and families.

As part of the St Bart’s Academy Trust, we work in partnership with other ambitious schools, sharing skills and expertise for the benefit of all children across the trust. We endeavour to work in close partnership with our families and look forward to “Continuing The Learning Journey Together” with you and your child.

We are proud of our academy and our children are proud to be members of our very special Park Hall family.

Mrs Georgina Frost
Principal of Park Hall Academy.





Our Team



Together Everyone Achieves More — Team Park Hall



At Park Hall Academy, one of our values is Teamwork and we have an expectation that we “Work Together” to care for one another. Our children are most supportive of one another and enjoy engaging in our exciting Team Days. At the start of their school learning journey in the Early Years Foundation Stage, children are actively encouraged to work together and support each other. In Years 1-6 our children belong to a Team led by our Team Leaders. All members of our Park Hall family chose inspirational team leaders for each of our team colours. Team Dahl represents our love of reading and writing, Team Nightingale represents our caring ethos and our love of learning about the past. Team Armstrong represents our awe and wonder and our desire to create exceptional achievements. Team Matthews represents our love of sport and true sportsmanship. Throughout your child’s learning journey, they will engage in team challenges and activities. Sometimes the team challenges are competitive and the children love to engage in healthy competition, encouraging their friends along the way. It’s not the winning that matters, it’s the taking part and teamwork that counts. Children have also loved demonstrating their care for the wider community, making soup for elderly residents for example. Our children are all part of our special Park Hall family and recognise our Team motto, **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.

At Park Hall Academy, we all want the very best for you and your child. Please remember to contact your child’s class teacher if you require any information, or have any concerns regarding your child, no matter how small they may seem.

We always welcome an opportunity to speak with you. Your child’s class teacher will know your child best and we would therefore ask that they be your first point of contact.

We are expertly supported by a team of Learning Support Assistants, Administrative Staff, Lunchtime Supervisors and Premises Staff. We are also lucky to have an exceptional Pastoral Manager and a Home School Link Worker, who support children and families.

“You, your staff and governors clearly demonstrate your commitment to pupils and their families. You are all passionate about the school’s values. You all have “ambition” ... in ensuring that you always aim to provide pupils with high-quality education and welfare”. (OFSTED 2016).



"A massive thank you to all the wonderful staff at Park Hall for helping shape my daughter into the amazing young woman she is growing up to be. We will be forever grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by everyone at Park Hall. We could not have chosen a better school for our children". (Parent)

"You are clearly steering the school towards becoming an outstanding primary school". (OFSTED 2016)

"You have a vast amount of strong practice across the school. You have successfully nurtured, supported and challenged your staff to provide nothing less than good teaching and your learning support assistants provide very effective support and teaching. Well done". (OFSTED 2016).

We believe in providing a creative, child centred curriculum packed full of opportunities to explore, investigate and enjoy learning. We aim to develop independence and a sense of achievement. Our children are engaged in developing our curriculum, ensuring that they are motivated and excited by their learning. Creativity is at its heart.

Innovative learning and teaching leads to children achieving high standards in all subject areas. We set challenging but achievable targets for all children in order to ensure that everyone achieves their best. We place great importance on developing children's skills in the core subject areas of English, Maths, Science and Computing. However, we want so much more for each of our children.

We are passionate about ensuring that every child is a reader, we learn to read and read to learn. This has ensured that our children achieve exceptionally high standards and has resulted in our attainment being in the top 5% of schools nationally. We have received a congratulatory letter from the Schools Minister for Education praising our "high quality" teaching of phonics.

Our vision for the Park Hall child is that each is a creative, independent and resilient learner, able to tackle challenges with confidence. We want our children to achieve their dreams and have the highest aspirations for themselves as individuals.

A main strength of our school, lies in our commitment to providing a wide range of extra curricular opportunities to inspire children, allowing each to discover new talents and develop new skills. Wheelchair Basket Ball, Bubble Football, Jujitsu and Time Travellers are but a few of the additional activities in which our children are excited to participate.

We are extremely proud of the standards our children achieve in all aspects of learning.

Outdoor areas are utilised to inspire and motivate learners, developing children's creative thinking and problem solving skills. This extends the learning and teaching environment beyond the classroom.



Learning and Teaching



Creative, Independent and Resilient Learners



We are proud to have been awarded the Arts Mark Silver Award (a national benchmark), for providing quality arts provision. We provide pupils in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to learn to play an instrument together to form our string orchestra. We know that pupils love this experience. We have also been awarded the Silver Sing Up Award. We have strong links with local artists, our work with Creative Partnerships has provided wonderful opportunities for children to work with a variety of artists and experts.

Educational and residential visits enhance our curriculum and bring learning alive for our children. We also extend a warm welcome to visitors on a regular basis who come to inspire our children and share their expertise.

We have also recently been awarded the Silver Schools Games Award, as a result of our commitment to providing all of our children with an overwhelming range of competitive sporting activities. Our children demonstrate real team spirit. Our Sports Ambassadors and Sports Leaders are excellent role models and are passionate about engaging our learners in active play and competitive games.

We place great importance on developing children's Computing skills, all of which are vitally important for our children now and in the future. Children love using iPads and laptops in all areas of the curriculum too. Children are always taught to remember to be E-Safe online and our E-Safety Mascot, Evie the Elephant, never forgets about E-Safety.

We are a fully inclusive academy and we ensure that any child with 'Special Educational Needs' receives personalised learning opportunities so that everyone reaches their true potential. At Park Hall Academy, we ensure equality of opportunity for all. Gifted and Talented children are challenged through a curriculum which is planned to extend and enrich their learning. Master classes are provided for pupils within the academy trust.

"You and your staff provide an innovative and creative curriculum that inspires pupils. You rightly call this the "wow factor", as it gives pupils many opportunities to thrive and thoroughly enjoy the many varied activities, topics and subjects of the curriculum". (OFSTED 2016)



Aim High, Bright Futures!



At Park Hall we take great pleasure in celebrating our achievements and successes. We encourage everyone to have high aspirations for their futures.

Our children are all challenged to be the very best that they can be in all aspects of school life. We are passionate about enabling all children and indeed all members of our Park Hall family to develop a real love of learning and see their futures as full of possibilities.

Visitors to our academy often comment on our friendly and supportive environment where children feel happy, safe and secure. We promote high standards in behaviour through a positive approach. We share a respect for one another and for our environment. Our children enjoy following our School Expectations which were introduced by the School Parliament. These are Enjoy Learning, Try Your Best, Work Together, Show Respect and Be Safe. These are owned and valued by all.

During each stage of your child's learning journey, our caring staff ensure that children settle easily into their new classes at the beginning of each year. We are a team, working towards our common goal, wanting the best for every child.

"I was particularly impressed by the high standards of reading and writing achieved".

"As pupils move up the school, they reach high standards in reading by the end of Year 2 and Year 6 and well above average standards in writing". (OFSTED 2016).





“Pupils are mature, exceptionally well behaved and attentive. They are very proud of their school”.

“The school’s junior leadership team is a wonderful and democratic initiative comprising pupils who act as ambassadors to support other pupils and act as role models”. (OFSTED 2016).



Our positive partnerships with parents, carers and the wider community contribute to the life of our happy and successful school.

Each Friday, we end our school week with a Celebration Assembly where we celebrate our successes and reward pupils’ achievements. Parents are regularly invited into school to join in our many special events. We have excellent relationships with our parents and recognise that we are both partners, who work together to support each child in their learning journey.

Through our extensive Family Learning Programme, parents and carers relish the opportunities to learn alongside their child. We encourage all members of the school community to recognise that “Life is for Learning and Learning is for Life”.

The Pupil Voice is exceptionally important to us and pupils have many opportunities to work with Senior Leaders to shape the future direction of our school. Our Year 6 Heads, Deputies and their team of Junior Leaders undertake roles of responsibility within the academy which they carry out with pride. This includes acting as role models and supporting our younger learners, appointing new members of our team and looking carefully at children’s learning. They ensure that each child is proud of their achievements and that they are continually striving to be the best that they can be. Pupils apply for each of these roles and each is chosen democratically with all members of the academy voting for our school leaders.

The School Parliament are at the heart of decision making and regularly meet to influence our school improvement plans. The Park Hall Parliament manage their own budget and have influenced improvements to our school. One of their real achievements recently led to the designing and planning of our new Outdoor Learning Environment, of which we are all very proud. The Park Hall Parliament are proud to work in partnership with the St Bart’s Parliament.

At Park Hall, we provide exceptional support for children and families. We work in partnership with many different professionals and agencies. We have a caring and dedicated pastoral team who ensure that every child is able to achieve their best. Park Hall Academy is proud to be at the heart of our local community.



Positive Partnerships





Safeguarding



At Park Hall, the health, safety and well being of every child is of paramount importance to us. We take our responsibilities for safeguarding pupils very seriously. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is available for you to see on our website.

We place great importance on listening to the Pupil Voice. We teach all children the importance of listening carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Our core values, Honesty, Enjoyment, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork are deeply embedded in all that we do. Our expectations reflect our values too and our children understand that each child has a right to feel safe and along with this goes a responsibility for each to ensure that everyone else feels safe too. Our values, reflect British values too, which are actively promoted across our academy.

We recognise that the development of pupils, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally plays a significant part not only in their ability to learn and achieve but in their ability to relate fully to and have the ability to access the world they live in. We are therefore passionate about ensuring that our children are given opportunities in every area of the curriculum to develop and grow as young people who are determined to make a positive contribution to others and the world around them. Our Be Safe Committee, led by our children, work with our local P.C.S.O and Site Staff to ensure that all children feel cared for and supported within and around the academy.

Attendance: Every lesson counts! It is important that we aim for 100% attendance. We do understand that children may be absent due to illness. We aim to encourage good attendance through our positive reward scheme. Our dedicated attendance line should be used to report all absences. We ask that you ensure that an absence is reported before 9.30am on the first day of absence. We operate a first day calling policy. This means that where an absence is unexplained, we will contact parents to establish the reason for absence. This is to ensure that all children have arrived safely in school. Your cooperation is essential. Leave of absence during term time (for holidays) is actively discouraged and such absences are unauthorised. (Other than in exceptional and unique circumstances). Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Every day counts and every moment matters.



Admissions Policy.

All admissions to school are undertaken by the Local Authority Admissions Department. Children are eligible to attend school, the September following their third birthday. We have an admission limit of 60.

The St Bart's Multi-Academy Trust

“The Multi-Academy Trust is already providing you and your staff with many productive opportunities to forge strong links with other schools and academies. This is enabling you and your staff to share best practice, and I know that following our joint observations of teaching during this inspection, you have a vast amount of strong practice across the school”. (OFSTED 2016).



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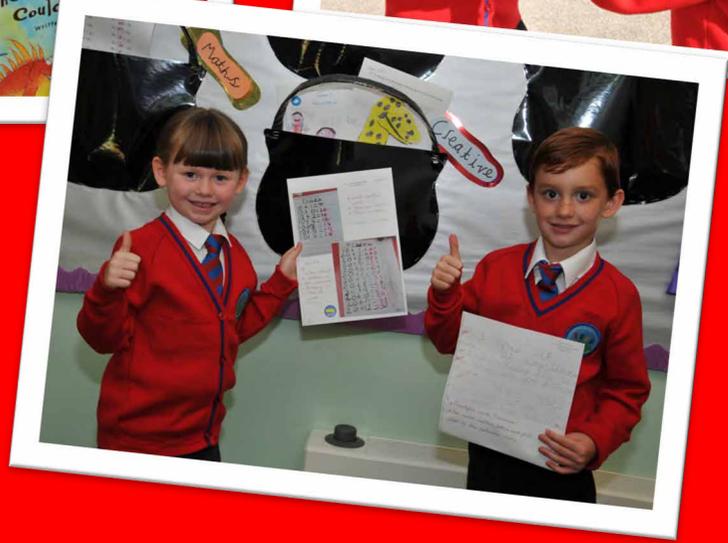
- Aspire** to set high standards for personal behaviour and self-discipline, with courtesy, consideration and respect for other people of all ages, races and cultures.
- Aim** to deliver exciting and quality learning experiences in a safe, secure and happy environment.
- Endeavour** to achieve high standards in every aspect of school life by making the most efficient use of all the resources available.

The St. Bart's Multi-Academy Trust is committed to improving the life chances of all children, wherever they may be.

All members of the St Bart's family share the following core values represented through the acronym: **PEACE**

- Passion** We are privileged to be working in education, where we have the ability to profoundly change children's lives; this means that the stakes are incredibly high. Our aim is always to provide for the pupils of our Academies what we would want for our own children.
- Encouraging** All staff have a duty and responsibility to be encouraging and supportive of each other. All our schools have a “can do” culture where excuses are never tolerated.
- Ambition** Embodied in the Trust motto, “Achieving Schools and Caring Communities” all academy members are expected to aim for excellence in their individual professional roles.
- Commitment** In the best traditions of the profession all staff are prepared to go the extra mile to provide the best possible education for their pupils. The interests of children are paramount and guide all that we seek to do and achieve.
- Enjoyment** The time children spend in education is precious. We have a responsibility to ensure that every moment a child is in a St. Bart's Academy they enjoy learning and strive hard to achieve well and fulfil their maximum potential.





Our Values Are At The HEART Of Everything We Do



Continuing the Learning Journey Together



We look forward to “Continuing The Learning Journey” with you and your child and welcoming you into the Park Hall family.

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