



## **St Peter's Cross Keys Academy**

### **Academy Information**

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Number on roll: 176

### **General Information**

St. Peter's Cross Keys Academy is situated in the village of Farndon, which is just off the A46 road, two and a half miles south of the market town of Newark and twenty miles from Nottingham.

The academy is housed in buildings initially constructed in 1956 with later CLASP extensions; the most recent addition was in 1971. Accommodation is good, comprising of seven classrooms and hall. There is a large playing field, 'trim trail' and a conservation area with a pond. We have an organic vegetable area and sensory garden looked after by gardening groups from the academy and local community.

The staff consists of the Head teacher, six full-time teachers, one part-time teacher and seven teaching assistants who work within classes or with designated children.

### **Our Educational Philosophy**

St. Peter's Cross Keys Academy has a caring family atmosphere where children, staff, parents and governors work together to ensure that our academy continues to develop and improve, offering each child the opportunity to achieve their best in all areas of their learning and education.

We were pleased that this ethos was reflected in our last Ofsted Inspection in May 2019;

*"Central to the success of the school are the excellent relationships which exist between staff, pupils and their families. Pupils are valued as individuals and leaders have high aspirations. Families are well supported by leaders and staff. Parents and carers appreciate the 'extra mile' staff will go to ensure that children are safe, happy and thriving in school. They overwhelmingly agree that the school is an 'amazing' place for children to learn and succeed."*

*Ofsted May 2019*

## **Our Principles for Teaching and Learning**

We believe that offering a broad and balanced education which has a strong emphasis on developing the whole child is an essential element of our daily provision. Learning is delivered through a creative curriculum with an emphasis on inspiring children and encouraging them to feel excited about their learning. Developing positive attitudes and approaches to school life is a key focus, also acknowledged by Inspectors;

*"Pupils are well behaved, polite and respectful. During the inspection, pupils were regularly seen greeting staff with a friendly 'hello' and often held doors open for adults. Pupils learn together harmoniously in lessons and enjoy sharing ideas and discussing their work. A typical comment from pupils was, 'Everyone in our school is a friend and we look after each other.'"*

*Ofsted May 2019*

The academy provides various lunch time and after school clubs including; sport, craft, gardening, Eco Schools, music and cooking.

The majority of children proceed to one of three local secondary schools, Magnus, The Newark Academy or The Suthers.

## **The Academy Community**

Parents are actively involved in the school, helping in the classrooms and accompanying children and staff on activities. There is a Friends' of Farndon St. Peter's Association which raises funds for major items and supporting the children's education.

## **Southwell and Nottingham Multi Academy Trust**

St. Peter's Cross Keys Academy is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi Academy trust, which offers a range of continuing professional development opportunities for staff at all stages of their career.

The academy enjoys a close relationship with the Church of England through Liz Murray, the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Farndon, who regularly visits the school. The Governing Body provides excellent support to the school, with governors linking to areas of development within the academy improvement plan.

More information about the academy can be found on our website as follows:

[www.stpetersfarndon.com](http://www.stpetersfarndon.com)

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY STATEMENT**

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