



## St Paul's Shettleston Primary School & Nursery Class

Our school's virtues are faith, hope and love, with the central virtue being that of love. This is at the core of everything that we do in St Paul's; it is the basis of all of our interactions and relationships. We put this virtue first before anything else. We believe that by creating a nurturing environment, where all of our community are welcomed and loved and none are judged, our children can exceed their potential. Our school is located in the North East of Glasgow; we have 465 children in attendance, 385 children in the primary school (ranging from 5-12 years old) and 80 children (3-5 year olds) in the nursery class. The children in the school and nursery class work mainly on Scottish Curriculum for Excellence from Early – Second Level. Some of our children in the nursery class are on the Birth – 3 curriculum due to some of their barriers to learning. The school is situated in a busy town; we have a high level of deprivation in our school and nursery class. 78 % of pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium/ Pupil Equity Funding/ Free School Meals which are measures of deprivation. 25% of our children have an additional support need and 25% of our pupils have English as an Additional Language. There are 27 languages spoken in our school.

Our school is sector leading, the Senior Leadership Team is an accredited learning organisation. This means that we are a moving school always looking for ways to improve our research based pedagogy. Our vision is to have 100% of our children reading, last year's P7's figure was just over 91%. We have very high expectations for our children; everyone in the school community shares these standards including the children themselves. Over the past 9 years in post, I have built a whole community of learners: children, staff and parents. I have empowered staff and children to lead change in school, using a number of strategies to develop their voices. Staff and children are part of our quality assurance procedures. Parents have also been involved in this empowerment agenda, gaining qualifications in parenting and food hygiene, and leading our successful Plot to Plate Initiative. We started our Children's Rights journey 7 years ago and recently became the only state primary school in Glasgow to gain a UNICEF Rights Respecting School Gold Award. The children are fully involved in the running of the school; they drive forward change through the school improvement plan and through the various Pupil Voice Committees in school. The children have a strong belief and drive to make the world a better place and this can be seen in their many campaigns to improve the local school environment, trying to create a more sustainable school and world and writing to Scottish Government. Our strategies for Health and Wellbeing are excellent and help to build emotional resilience in our children. Our children have driven the change from Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy to a Relationship Policy.

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