

# Our History

Trinity St. Peter's School opened in September 2005, following the merger of the Voluntary Aided Church of England Schools of St. Peter's, Paradise Lane, Formby and Holy Trinity, Lonsdale Road, Formby.

Whilst we may be new in name the former schools of St Peter's and Holy Trinity have had a very long history of education in Formby. Prior to 2005 both schools were operating as successful schools and serving their different parishes with pride and success. Sadly, like many other primary schools across the country, it became increasingly obvious that numbers were dwindling, Holy Trinity faster than St Peter's, and Holy Trinity was reaching the point where it was no longer financially viable. It became apparent during Sefton's review of school provision that the merger of these two schools into a new one, on the site of St Peter's, would be desirable. The Diocese of Liverpool were hoping that the merger would provide the opportunity for the acquisition of government funding to build a brand new school on the St Peter's site. Whilst St Peter's school was not in as good condition as Holy Trinity the St Peter's site was the larger and would allow the building of a new school whilst education continued in the current building.

Sadly we were not successful in our bid for a new school. Money was only available for two new builds and we were third. Whilst this was extremely disappointing the governors were determined that they would seek other ways of developing and improving the structure of the school. Rather than wait for two years to bid again, with probably a lesser chance of success, they agreed upon a five phase building programme. These phases would be funded with the support of the Diocese and what is called LCVAP funding. This is funding specifically allocated to Local Authorities for Aided schools.

To further the vision of the Head the first phase was to be a complete new build and known as the Foundation Stage. Land owned by St Peter's Educational Trust was released to the school for this total new build. Work commenced in 2007 and the building received its first children in 2008. It cost in excess of £600,000. It is the envy of a lot of schools and in our Ofsted inspection in January 2010 the lead Inspector at his feedback meeting stated that it was bordering being a centre of excellence. This is to the great credit of all involved.

Phase 2 of the programme was started in 2009 and sadly due to circumstances beyond our control its completion was delayed and did not receive its first children until just after the start of term in September 2009. This was a more difficult phase as it involved demolition of part of the existing building and extending the build to link up with the Foundation stage building. This phase provided a new KS1 block of 2 classroom areas, conference room and pupil's kitchens. The cost again was in excess of £600,000. We are currently discussing phase 3 with our Architects and the Diocese. This is a smaller phase involving alterations and some new build to provide better facilities for staff, toilets, storage and meeting space. Its cost will be in excess of £200,000. We would hope for a decision on the funding for this phase over the next months with a hoped start date of around March 2011. Whilst we remain optimistic we have to be realistic that politically things have changed. You will have already read that funding for new secondary school provision has been axed. We can only pray that sufficient funding will still be allocated. Phase 3 will be followed by two other phases which will again involve some new build but mainly

alterations to the existing building. The current front of the building will be altered to enable a corridor to be built so that children will be able to get between classrooms without going through the hall. This can prove disruptive. All things being equal, and our prayers being answered, we would hope that the phases will be complete by 2015 at the latest. The governors are now looking to upgrade each classroom. Regrettably available monies for such projects are limited and this may prove to be a slower process than we hoped.

The above describes the building but what about our children and the education they receive therein. We currently have 255 pupils at the school including 60 at nursery age. From day one of the merger you would not have realised that the children of the two schools had come together. The integration of the children was immediate. We have had two Ofsted reports since the merger, one when we were only 12 months old but nevertheless were graded as good with outstanding features. The second Ofsted report was in January 2010 and we were as close as one can get to being outstanding. In fact if you read the report one wonders how we did not get that grading. However the Inspector decided on good with outstanding features. You can read this report at [www.Ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.Ofsted.gov.uk). I am sure you would agree that in all the key areas the wording used is outstanding. Both of these Ofsted inspections were followed by our R.E. Inspections. These were graded as outstanding and the most recent really was a credit to all. Your Church school is providing the children with an excellent Christian education. The clergy of both parishes play a significant part in this process.