

Martenscroft Nursery School and Children's Centre



'Providing excellence for children and families in Hulme through a range of high quality integrated services'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the Governors, welcome to Martenscroft Nursery School and Children's Centre.

At Martenscroft we strive to foster a relationship that doesn't end at the school and centre gates, and to develop a good understanding between home, staff and governors for the benefit of our children. A good relationship between school and home helps to build a child's confidence and assists their development in school. We depend upon the co-operation, support and involvement of parents and carers and it is important that as parents, you feel welcome.

As you may know, Ofsted visited twice in July 2014 and Martenscroft Nursery School and Early Years Provision was found to be Outstanding across all categories in both inspections. In addition, in February 2015 the school became a designated National teaching School in partnership with the Teach Manchester Teaching School. The governors and I are committed to maintaining the standards and level of quality that have made Martenscroft a high quality early years centre for the last 16 years. We can only do this with your support and commitment.

The whole school and centre team work very hard to make our school a happy, safe and caring environment in which to learn. We aim to make our children confident, sensitive to others, interested in the world around them and prepared for the challenges ahead. In an outstanding setting such as ours, it is vital that parents take a great interest in and support their child's learning. During the early years of primary education academic, personal, social and creative skills are nurtured and developed. Regular attendance is vital and we ask for your co-operation in this to ensure that the children are able to make the most of the learning opportunities available to them and achieve their full potential. There has been much research on the link between good attendance and future success for children.



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Our team of Governors provide support to the school in a number of ways using our experience from various backgrounds. Governors are appointed to ensure that objectives are met and that planning for the future is both visionary and realistic. We are here to support and encourage the Headteacher and all school and centre staff so that children have access to an enriched education and the opportunities they deserve. Most of all we are here because we care about the children and community that Martenscroft serves, and we want to ensure that all children get the best possible start in life.

There will be several opportunities to provide feedback to the governing board throughout the year; however, I am available to parents for any matter relating to Martenscroft. If you would like to get in touch, please speak to Stacie or Dee on Reception and they will provide my contact details or forward any messages. There are also a number of activities and additional support services available to all families, please speak to one of our Children's Centre Team for more details.

I sincerely hope that your children enjoy their time at Martenscroft and that you take advantage of all that the school and centre has to offer.

With my best wishes for a wonderful year,

Mary Metcalfe

Chair of Governors

