

Coalition of Research Schools

In partnership with the University of Manchester, the CORS project is a collaborative research and development process that aims to address the issue of equity in education. The partnership is now in its second year; the project and its findings allow us as a school, to understand and develop our existing practices to establish better ways to serve our school and its community.

✚ 2015-16- Attendance

Last year's research focused on improving attendance at school, the project saw initiatives such as the walking bus and brew and biscuits launched to further develop strong links with parents and the community. The success of these initiatives can be seen in attendance figures, in 2015 attendance was 94.9% in 2017 attendance has hit 97% See the CORS poster below for how we did this and the continued success.

✚ 2016-17- Reading Behaviours

This year's focus has taken the path of exploring reading behaviours across the school. As a school, we want to instil in all of our pupils a love of reading and this project will help us to explore ways in which to do this. With the support of the team at The Centre of Equity in Education, members of staff from SLT, teaching and pastoral have taken on the role of 'Research Team' and are in the process of gathering data to focus our enquiry. We aim to collect data from pupils, parents and teachers to gain a deep understanding of attitudes towards reading across the school.

We have talked to the parents of children within our current EYFS who have explained they didn't know or understand the importance of reading prior to starting at our Academy. This lead us to planning a Pre-School group in the local church hall and inviting families with 2 year olds to come and join us in reading and routine based activities to ensure children are school ready. Our first session will be held on 9/2/17. We will be adding photographs to our website and videos to our YouTube channel soon after the first event.



If you want to find out more, below is the link to the Centre for Equity in Education;
(<http://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/education/research/centres/cee/research-activities/>)



Our Nursery children are taking part in another Research project with Dr Martina Street to gain more of an insight into what make children thrive in early education.

Dr Martina has been in school recently and has used lots of different ICT equipment such as cameras/ video-cameras/



talking buttons/ talking clipboards etc. to gain an insight into what children think is important and about the independent choices they make. Dr Martina has used our academy to collect pupil voice, the local Sure Start nursery to gain parent voice and a neighbouring school to collect teaching staff voice. The information collected in this research is currently being analysed and will be published on this website as soon as it is completed.

Watch this space for further updates on our research projects.