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Rolls Crescent is situated in Hulme, a mile from the city centre in a purpose built two storey building which opened in July, 2007. There are currently 402 children on roll, with 86 in the Foundation Stage. The building was built with the capacity for a two form entry which we became in September, 2013.

The school serves an area of rich cultural diversity. 93% of children are from an ethnic minority and 66% are speakers of other languages. The two main ethnic groups are Arabic and Somali with 36% of our children being entitled to free school meals. The school is organised into an 86 place Foundation Stage, four KS1 classes and eight KS2 classes. Staffing is generous and includes non-class based Inclusion Team teachers and teaching assistants.

Inclusion has been recognised by OfSTED as one of our strengths. Children's additional needs, including those of EAL speakers and children with special educational needs, are met by a strong team of support staff, including EMA and SEN support staff, learning mentors and teaching assistants. This integration enriches the whole school community.

There is a strong whole school commitment to raising standards and our aims and visions are shared by all members of our school community. The broad, balanced curriculum and enriched learning experiences we offer provide opportunities for children to be actively engaged in the learning process. Our recently developed grounds provide excellent recreational and educational opportunities.

Our awards include the National Healthy Schools Award, the Inclusion Standard, Sport England Activemark and a Leading Aspect Award for ICT. We have also achieved a Bronze Eco School award and hold a Silver Artsmark from the Arts Council.

There are a range of extra curricular activities on offer, including steel band, guitar, choir club and a range of sports activities throughout the year, including football, squash, badminton, tag rugby and short tennis, subject to social distancing measures.

In September, 2017, we joined CLIC, a Co-operative Multi Academy Trust with Chorlton Park and Old Moat Primary Schools. In November 2019, Dane Bank Primary School in Tameside became the fourth school. We have built strong links with all schools and share the same CEO/EH, who was appointed in September, 2020. Jo Ashcroft, our new CEO/ Executive Headteacher, is already having a huge impact on raising the skills and knowledge of practitioners across the Trust, particularly due to her expertise and close links with the EEF.

