

East Crompton St. James’ and St Thomas’ Moorside entered into a hard federation on 1st July 2015 after successfully working in partnership for 2 years.

The schools now have one Governing body who have the legal responsibility for both schools and is very ambitious in its vision for the Federation.

**St Thomas’ Moorside CE VA Primary School**

St Thomas Moorside is situated within a deprived area of predominantly social housing. The school demographic is majority white British heritage, but with an increasing level of ethnic minority intake. Children largely live in very close proximity to the school. Pupils mainly enter from St Thomas nursery setting, but an increasing proportion are admitted from other nursery settings in the area. The population in school is relatively settled with some movements in or out of school.

The school is a Church of England Voluntary Aided school. The Manchester Diocese RE syllabus is delivered. Pupils attend church for the main Christian festivals and the church’s vicar delivers worship to the whole school weekly. In the SIAMS inspection of June 2025 the school was judged to be living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

The current Ofsted grade is Good from an inspection in July 2024.

**Deprivation**: 53.6% of pupils are in the most deprived 5 to 10% in the country (compared with Oldham Primary Schools average of 30.7%)

**Pupil Roll: There** are 233 pupils currently on roll.

**Groups:** FSM/PP: 45% SEN: 2% EHCP, 10% SEN other EAL: 9%

**East Crompton St James’**

East Crompton St James’ is situated in a large village on the outskirts of Oldham, bordering Rochdale. This is an average-sized school with capacity for 210 pupils on roll from Reception to Year 6 and is situated near the parish church in spacious buildings. Housing is mainly privately owned. Pupils are mainly of white British heritage and most live in the local community. Pupils enter from a variety of nursery settings in the area. The population in school is settled with few movements in or out of school. FSM/PP has risen from 12% in 2012 to 33.3% in 2022 & 41% in 2023

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The school was inspected in November 2021 and retained its Good grade.

**Deprivation:** 14% of children are in the 10% most deprived in the country (compared with Oldham Primary Schools average of 30.7%).

**Pupil Roll: There** are 182 pupils currently on roll.

**Groups:** FSM/PP: 41% SEN: 4% EHCP, 4% Other SEN EAL: 5%

The Federation allows for a great deal of cross-school working, from planning with opposite year groups to lesson studies and joint wider educational opportunities. Staff meetings are held weekly with staff from both schools. Senior and middle leaders work across both schools. As the schools are in two very contrasting areas, this enables our staff to have the opportunity to see how children from different backgrounds learn and to develop their leadership skills across a diverse staff team.

**What we have to offer:**

* **Teams:** You will have the opportunity to work across supportive and friendly teams, giving our staff opportunities to experience new areas and develop their skills.
* **Employee Assistance Programme:** We have an employee assistance programme where you can get free and confidential support for your mental health 24 hours per day.
* **Dedicated, caring and enthusiastic pupils:** Our children are keen to learn and enthusiastic. Our pupil leaders support our schools to live out our Christian Values.
* **Partnerships:** We have established partnerships with our Churches, the INNEOS F40 programme, My Happy Mind, TISUK and HAF. In September 2025 we will also partner with the local MHST team.