

## River View Primary School



Year 2

Summer 1: Our school

Key question: what can we find out about our school from the past and what has stayed the same or changed?

### Vocabulary

Past	Something that has happened a second, minute, year, 10 years, 100 years etc. ago
Present	Things that are happening now
Victorian Times	A period of history which was over 100 years ago
Punishment	Something that was given to you if you misbehaved. In the Victorian times, you may have been made to wear a dunce's hat or a teacher would use a cane on your hand
Modern	Something that has existed or developed in the present time
Old	Something that has happened or belonged in the past



### 1. Charlestown, North Grecian Street & River View

North Grecian Street primary was built around 1899, during the end of the Victorian era. It had around 315 students. Charlestown Primary was built a little after and only had around 180 students. When Charlestown was bulldozed, it made a playing field for Albion High School. When both schools were closed, a new school was made, called River View Primary in 2010. Both schools were situated in different locations to where River View is now situated. River View is a much bigger school with around 500 students. Both old schools had only one floor, but River View has 2 floors. Since the previous schools, there have been a lot of technological advancements, which mean that now, all students have a Chromebook to help with their work, whereas the old schools wouldn't have had these. In 2020, River View celebrated being open for 10 years with a visit from the mayor of Salford.

#### 2. Schools in the Victorian era

In a Victorian classroom, the teacher stood at the front so they could see all the children. Children sat on wooden benches which they usually had to share with 5 other students. Classrooms were very big and had no carpet. There was usually a world map on the wall showing the British Empire. Children wrote on slate with some chalk and had to spit on the slate to rub out mistakes if they made any. Boys and girls had separate lessons; girls learn how to sew and cook and boys were to woodwork lessons.

#### 3. What was school like for children in the Victorian era?

In 1870, Queen Elizabeth introduced the Education Act; this act made it compulsory for all children to attend school whether they were rich or poor. Prior to this, only rich children went to school. For children in the Victorian era, school had very harsh punishments. Some of these included being whacked with a wooden ruler on their knuckles if they were late, wearing a dunce's hat and sitting in the corner if they didn't understand their work, writing lines and being hit with a cane if they were lazy, rude or broke school rules to name a few.



Education Act was introduced

River View was built & opened as a new school

North Grecian Street Primary was built

Victorian Era

North Grecian Street & Charlestown closed down

River View celebrates its 10 year anniversary

