# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow Prospectus 2022/23





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## Welcome

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. We are a vibrant, hardworking and friendly learning community which seeks to provide a high quality and inclusive education for each and every one of our amazing children.

As a school community, we aim every day to follow our school mission statement - "Act justly, Love tenderly and Walk humbly with our God." Our dedicated and passionate staff team work hard to provide a safe and stimulating environment where our children can feel secure and excited about learning.

Our aim is to nurture the uniqueness of every child and respond to their individual strengths and needs. We aim to equip our children with the tools for future learning and the confidence to follow their dreams.

I am a very proud Headteacher of St Joseph's and welcome you into our school community. If you would like to visit please get in touch.

### Mr Paul Craig, Headteacher



Scan the QR code to watch a short film about our school



## **Our Curriculum**

The staff team plan together, to ensure that we are offering a balanced curriculum. Our first objective is to ensure that your child will be happy in coming to school in order to learn effectively.

The curriculum is divided into three stages:

Early Years Foundation Stage: from ages 0-5 years Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7 years Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11 years



#### **Nursery and Reception**

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



## **Our Curriculum**

Key Stages 1-2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Science
- Religious Education
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education
- Modern Foreign Language

## **Pastoral Care**

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, all our children also have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of sporting and musical opportunities, as well as regular visits and residential visits.

Our pastoral care is exceptional, ensuring all children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school.





## The School Day

Main School is from 9.00am - 3.15pm (We open doors at 8.45am)

#### **Nursery Session Times:**

**15 hours** per week 8.45am - 11.45am or 12.10 pm - 3.10pm.

30 hours per week 8.45am - 2.45pm

#### **Breakfast Club**

We have a Breakfast Club which runs from 7.45am each morning. This facility provides a really good start to the day for those parents who require extended child care provision.

#### **After School Provision**

We utilise the after school provision offered by Oscars at Hedworthfield CC. Pupils are collected from school by a member of staff and escorted to the off site provision. Details are available from the school office.

The government provides free school meals to all children in Reception and Key Stage 1. Free school meals are also available to older children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If you believe your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please ask for information from the school office, even if your child is in Early Years or Key Stage 1.

## Uniform

We expect the children at St Joseph's to come to school clean and neatly dressed. A school uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging, a good working attitude and a respectful and unified environment.

Our school uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Black sensible shoes (no trainers)

#### P.E Kit:

- Black plimsolls
- Red t-shirt
- Blue shorts

Please make sure everything is marked with your child's name. Parents can also purchase school badges which can be ironed onto plain clothing. These are available from the school office.

School branded uniform is available from J K Clothing: 52 Ellison Street, Jarrow, NE32 3HX.





## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities for all ages. These include guitar, sewing, football, gymnastics, art, drama, skipping, dance and athletics.

The children's entitlement to two hours physical activity each week is provided through a range of physical activities including team games, dance, gymnastics and swimming. We are actively involved



in the South Tyneside Schools' Sports Partnership, which ensures the children have access to a wide range of local schools for competitions.

## **Parental Involvement**

As soon as your child starts at St Joseph's, you are a member of our school community. We believe that the education of a child is a partnership and we aim to support you in as many ways as possible. We value the contributions of parents and family and actively encourage you to help.

Volunteering to read with pupils, sewing, cooking, or acting as extra pairs of hands on educational visits. All volunteers need a DBS check before coming in to school. We also have opportunities for parent governors, contact school to find out more.



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