



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy



Headteacher's Welcome

It is my privilege to be the Headteacher of St Joseph's. I joined our beautiful school in September 2023.

In January 2024, we welcomed our new Deputy Headteacher Mrs Stacie Barnsley. Our staff are united on our journey of continual improvement to offer the children of Cleethorpes the best start in life preparing them for the next step in their academic journey.

There is much to celebrate at St Joseph's. Our school is a welcoming, happy school where people are helpful, considerate and respectful of each other. The children are very happy and enjoy learning. We aim to develop the whole child through our caring Catholic Christian ethos. It is our vision that every child deserves the best possible education, regardless of background and ability, and we work with determination to ensure that we unlock their potential.

Our school has excellent links with the Catholic parish of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. Father Andrew is our parish priest who celebrates our Masses, assemblies, is a governor and also a regular visitor to our school. It is through working together; home, school and parish that we are able to provide a happy, caring and effective learning environment, where expectations and standards are high.

The school works collaboratively within the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust by reviewing each other's schools and sharing expertise and training amongst staff. This helps us to share good practice and to support various areas of school life. St Joseph's is outward looking in its approach to learning. At St Joseph's we are one big family and ensure that however we learn and whatever we do, we always follow our school mission statement to 'value all in the name of Jesus the Christ.'

Please do not hesitate to contact our school office to arrange a visit – we look forward to welcoming you!

Mr Francis McDonnell
Headteacher



Our primary Mission

We value all in the name of Jesus the Christ

From this the following flows as day follows night. All held within the overall invitation to gather together as a Community in the name of Jesus the Christ:

Our Values are displayed with pride around school and pupils are rewarded in our weekly Praise assemblies for living out our values:

Unity – Love – Respect – Joy

We take inspiration from scripture and strive to live out the Sheep and the Goats in our daily lives.

Matthew 25:31–46 35: *'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

We Believe and We Hope:

Everyone has the right to have their dignity respected, their worth valued and to become fully human and fully alive. These rights are rooted in the belief that we are created in the image and likeness of God.

We Commit ourselves, through the Catholic Dimension of our schools to develop the children's spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical well being; to treat all people with justice, respect and equality, as Children of God; to encourage, as Children of God, a spirit of community and cooperation based on Gospel Values, embracing Forgiveness and Reconciliation in all our relationships.

St. Joseph's has extensive grounds with a large, well-equipped playground and sports fields.

We also have a much loved enclosed multi games area which can be used in all weathers. Children in all year groups take advantage of our fantastic outdoor facilities including a developing nature and Forest School areas. Our huge pirate ship galleon is a firm favourite!

In addition, our youngest children in early years have a safe and stimulating environment and their own enclosed outside learning area, a well resourced classroom with free flow areas of learning. The outside water area and mud kitchen bring much joy.

Our classrooms are modern, bright and welcoming spaces where we encourage children to be autonomous with their use of well-stocked resources, ensuring they are readily accessible to all. Every classroom has up-to-date smartboards and access to both laptops and iPads.

Our extensive library is situated right at the heart of our school to foster our whole school's love of reading. We have an exciting new reading scheme arriving imminently!

We also have a school Chapel which our pupil Liturgy Leaders and Mini Vinnies are custodians of. This calm prayerful space provides a reflective space for all.

'Staff are always available to discuss my child's learning. Leaders are on the playground daily.'

Parent quote 2024

Our learning environment



I love this school because they teach with love and respect. This school is amazing because of the lovely equipment outside – especially the monkey bars!

Pupil quote 2024

Our curriculum

'Wonder is the desire for knowledge.'

At Saint Joseph's, our curriculum is designed to reflect the Catholic Character of our school, our school context and the locality of Cleethorpes and Grimsby, with the children having multiple opportunities to learn about and to learn within our local area.

We try to inspire a love of learning within all of pupils and strive to enable all of them to master the objectives of the National Curriculum in order to prepare them effectively for the next phase of their education and their life beyond school and to be proud citizens of Cleethorpes.

Our knowledge-rich curriculum is carefully planned and arranged from Nursery to Year 6, ensuring that as children learn new things, it connects and builds upon what they have learned previously. As we put our new curriculum into action, we think about how to begin each topic in a way that grabs students' interest and gets them excited and focused on what we're learning. In every subject, knowledge is organised around key concepts. Children come across these concepts many times in school to help them remember information long-term.

Teaching and learning

Teachers endeavour to plan exciting, memorable learning opportunities, which foster curiosity, encourage confidence and embed a depth of knowledge, skills and understanding.

As an inclusive school, we work in partnership with parents and professionals to identify and support children with additional needs across the four areas of SEND. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) works closely with the class teachers and outside agencies to ensure that children's needs are identified early, accurately assessed, carefully planned for and that progress is regularly reviewed. All children with SEND are fully integrated into school life and are educated within the classroom setting to ensure they have access to a full and broad curriculum.

St Joseph's is a school community with smaller than average class sizes and high staff to pupil ratio. We hold meetings every term to track how well our children are doing and to make sure we identify any challenges they may be facing in their learning. We then plan adjustments to help all students reach their highest potential.



Catholic Social Teaching underpins the essence of our daily school life and the curriculum. It is based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice. Pope Francis emphasises that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world: to put love into action. At St. Joseph's, we believe this is a vocation for the common good, a call to treat everyone as brothers and sisters and is something that we live through our mission statement.

The British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance are matched with our school virtues, which underpin our behaviour system. By practising these daily, we teach our children that they are not something just to learn but something to 'live out' and we reflect in Collective Worship and during each day on how we have done this.

'St Joseph's is a caring, inclusive Catholic community with a committed team of staff who are dedicated to providing their pupils with a good start in life. Under the supportive leadership of the headteacher, the school has continued to provide a good Catholic education for the local community.'

Diocese Canonical Report 2018



Catholic social teaching
and
British values

Beyond the curriculum

At St Joseph's, we value the uniqueness of all our pupils and establish an ethos that develops the 'whole child'.

Our pupils are encouraged to take risks and build resilience. They are encouraged to be inquisitive lifelong learners who question and explore the world around them.

Our nurturing staff recognise and support a diversity of needs relating to learning, health, mental wellbeing, behaviour as well as emotional and physical requirements ensuring that all our pupils feel safe, secure and are able to aspire to be the very best they can be.

Developing the whole child



We have an excellent breakfast club service which is subsidised through our partnership with Greggs and is available from 7.45am every day and we offer wrap-around care which runs until 5.15pm each evening.

Alongside this, we have a broad range of after-school clubs such as drama, film, craft, Lego and sports clubs and these are changed fairly to meet the needs of the children and based on the requests from our school council.

We are part of the NE Lincolnshire School Sports Partnership and attend a wide variety of competitions throughout the year including boccia, curling, cross-country, basketball and indoor gymnastics. As a result of our high-quality P.E., we have been awarded the Gold standard mark in P.E. through the school games partnership which recognises the commitment to sporting challenges, competitions and pupil leadership.

We have a dedicated PE apprentice and they mentor our sports leaders who run daily events at break and lunchtime designed to ensure all pupils are involved in activity during the school day. Our School Councillors are responsible for choosing the activities on the playground, MUGA and infant playground through discussions with pupils to ensure that all of our children are interested in the activities we offer.

I like school because all the Teachers encourage and help you to learn.

Pupil quote 2024



Achieving full potential and personal development

There are several opportunities for our children to exercise their leadership skills and action our British Values by showing commitment to roles throughout the school, parish and wider community.

School Councillors

Each year, representatives from each class from Year 2 upwards are voted by their peers to become School Councillors.

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies follow in the footsteps of Christ and St Vincent de Paul. The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

Mini Vinnies get together in primary schools and parishes across England and Wales to live out their mission of 'See, think, do', supporting their school community and beyond alongside the SVP. Most Mini Vinnies are between the ages of 7 - 11, but even children as young as 5 are living out the mission too. Our Mini Vinnies meet weekly and plan out ways our school community can live out its Christian Mission. For example, they organised a large collection of food for our Harvest Festival which we donated to a local homeless shelter and held a Macmillan Cancer Cake sale to raise funds for the charity.

Chaplaincy Team

The Chaplaincy team play a vital role in enhancing and promoting the school virtues and Gospel values alongside our faith to pupils, staff and the wider community. All of our chaplains take joy in carrying out their responsibilities. Our Chaplains meet weekly with our school Lay Chaplain to review the action plan they helped to write and consider different ways in which they are strengthening the mission, deepening prayer and enabling communion. This will establish deep-rooted and uncompromising attributes that will permeate through our local community and beyond to create intercultural understanding and respect.

Our Chaplaincy Team and our Mini Vinnies deliver a weekly whole school Act of Worship on a Wednesday which they have devised themselves.

'This is a wonderful school with stunning teachers who always support and encourage us.'

Pupil quote 2024



Our community

Our PTA is a committed group of parents who work hard to support us in developing our school through fundraising, volunteering in school and organising events.

We also have a growing group of volunteer readers who hear children read in school.

If you would be interested in joining, please call the school on 01472 690672 or email office@sjp.academy

We have very close links with our local parish and with other groups such as the Catenians, the SVP and Cafod who support our families and our school with time and with generous donations.

Parents, Carers, family members, Parishioners and friends are welcome to join us in school every Friday at 2.40pm for our weekly Praise Assembly

Joining St Joseph's

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is the admission authority for all the schools within the Trust and is responsible for determining the admissions policy.

On behalf of the Trust, the admissions are coordinated by the North East Lincolnshire Local Authority. All decisions relating to admission applications will be taken by the school's Local Governing Body

Applications must be made on the Common Application Form provided by the Local Authority, North East Lincolnshire County Council. Further information can be found on their website: www.nelincs.gov.uk/children-families-and-schools/schools-and-education/school-admissions

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please contact us on 01472 690672 to arrange this.



'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the changes that have started in school.'

'Pupils enjoy attending St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy. The school is a happy place for them to learn and make friends. Pupils are safe. They talk to the adults in school about any worries that they may have.'

'Pupils are keen to share the school's values. They recognise the importance of respecting each other, as well as the staff in school.'

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