

Welcome to
St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School

Prospectus
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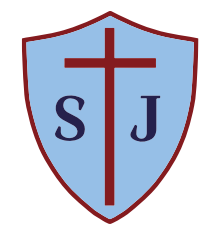
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A very warm welcome to **St Joseph's Catholic Academy**

I am delighted and proud to be the Acting Headteacher at such a happy, vibrant school where our whole school community works extremely hard and has high expectations of one another. At St. Joseph's you will find a welcoming and purposeful environment, with relationships built on mutual respect.

Our supportive pastoral systems help pupils to achieve above and beyond their expectations and develop a strong sense of character, to know what is right and just, and to be responsible for themselves, their peers and the world to which they belong. St. Joseph's pupils develop skills for lifelong learning and aspire to be the best they can be. We support this through nurturing pupils' spiritually, emotionally and academically – we encourage creativity, independent thinking and learning, and a love of learning through new experiences and opportunities. We are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning, which we achieve through a combination of challenge, support, encouragement and praise, to ensure that all students fulfil their potential.

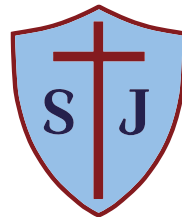
We are an oversubscribed, high achieving and forward-thinking school which strives to bring out the best in all children. As a member of the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust group of schools, we participate in development projects, and we support Initial Teacher Training with the Carmel Teaching School. We aim to inspire all our partners to work with us in an outstanding learning community.

We hope you enjoy finding out about our school. If you would like a tour, please contact the office and arrange an appointment. I am always happy to show visitors the work of our wonderful school.

All are welcome in our wonderful school. Please contact the school office or look on our website so that we can arrange for you to come and look around.

Mrs Birrell
Headteacher

Why choose our School?



At St. Joseph's, we are dedicated to developing well-rounded individuals by focussing not only on academics but also on enrichment, mental health, and wellbeing.

Our holistic approach ensures that our pupils receive a balanced education, nurturing their intellectual, emotional, and social growth. We are proud of our excellent results, which are a testament to our high-quality teaching and commitment to each pupils' success.

Our experienced and passionate staff use innovative teaching methods to engage and inspire students, fostering a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. By prioritising mental health and wellbeing, we create a supportive and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Our enrichment programs offer diverse opportunities for students to explore their interests and talents, further enhancing their educational experience. Join us and give your child the best start in life, where they will thrive, setting the foundation for a bright and successful future.



"St Joseph's Catholic Academy is a friendly, welcoming and inclusive school."



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Our school day

The Nursery door opens at 8:30am. At 8:40am the main gates on the playground open for children to filter into class.

| | Morning | Afternoon |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nursery | 8.30am – 11.30am | 12.30pm – 3.30pm |
| Reception | 8:40am – 12:00pm | 1:00pm – 3:15pm |
| Key Stage 1 | 8:40am – 12:00pm | 1:00pm – 3:15pm |
| Key Stage 2 | 8:40am – 12:00pm | 1:00pm – 3:15pm |

Wraparound care

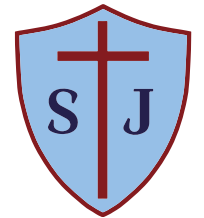
Early Birds Club begins at 8.10am until the start of the school day and costs £2.50. 'Joe's Zone' runs from 3:15pm – 5:30pm.

To find out more about our wraparound care, please scan or click the QR code.



Our school uniform

The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier (Lollipops or Uniformity) or in any supermarket.



Our school uniform is:

- School jumper or cardigan with burgundy stripe and logo.
- Blue school shirt.
- Tartan skirt or pinafore.
- Charcoal trousers.
- Navy blue checked dress (Summer months and optional).
- Black shoes.

Nursery uniform:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Navy polo top.
- Navy skirt.
- Pinafore (optional).
- Navy joggers.

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Navy joggers.
- Navy sweatshirt or zip-up.
- Navy shorts (optional).
- Trainers.

To order our school uniform please scan or click the QR code.



Our curriculum

At St. Joseph's, we are committed to ensuring the curriculum is broad, balanced and purposeful. We recognise that we are building the foundations for life-long learning with Christ at the centre.

A shared love of literature throughout school and our faith life and Gospel values, Trust Character Virtues and British Values, sit alongside our curriculum drivers.

Our curriculum drivers are what makes our curriculum unique to us here at St. Joseph's. They are woven through all that we do and underpin our shared belief that our role is to support and help our children to:

- Understand their place within their local town, their country and in their world as a global citizen.
- To have experiences that become part of their life story.
- Aspire to achieve their very best, having been shown that there is a world of possibility awaiting them, outside of the school gates.



“Very positive relationships exist between adults and pupils and there is a strong sense of mutual respect.”

Ofsted



“Pupils take pride in their work and strive to achieve well.”

Ofsted

Special educational needs and disabilities

As an inclusive school, all teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND). We deliver a curriculum and create an environment that meets the needs of every pupil within our school. We ensure that every pupil with SEND makes the best progress possible. We foster and promote effective working partnerships with parents, carers, pupils, and outside agencies. We consider the ‘whole’ child and strive to ensure that all our SEND pupils are prepared for adulthood.

Key Contacts

- SENDCo: Mrs Gibson-Crane
- Chair of Governors: Mr P Walker
- Acting Headteacher: Mrs A Birrell
- SEND Governor: Mrs J Douglass



To find out more please scan or click the QR code





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Our Trust

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust
is a family of 35 schools across
County Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, and
Stockton-On-Tees.

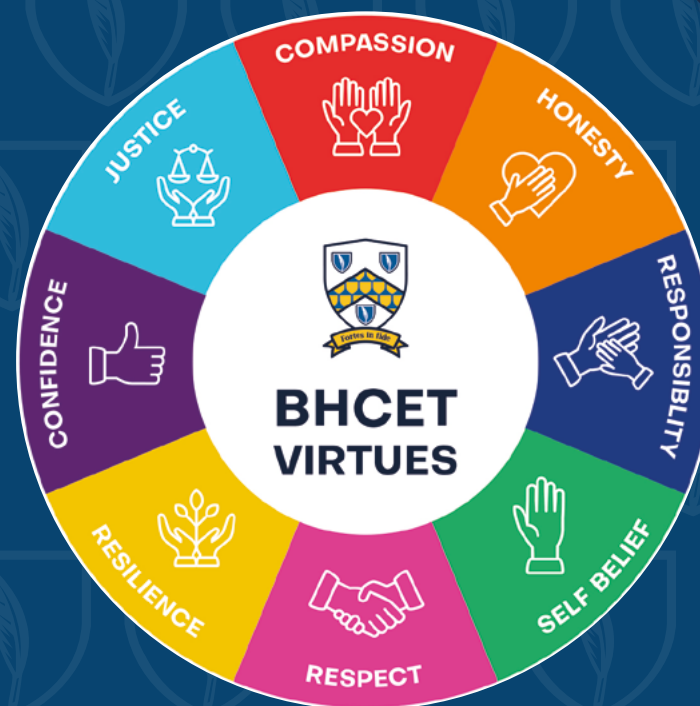
Our mission is to provide the highest quality education,
fostering a collaborative environment where resources
and best practices are shared among our schools.

We are committed to the educational welfare of our
pupils. This is why we place Christ at the centre and
children at the heart.



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JUSTICE & COMPASSION

We value
fairness and
empathy, treating
others with
kindness and
understanding.

HONESTY & RESPONSIBILITY

We prioritise
truthfulness and
accountability,
taking ownership of
our actions and
decisions.

CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

We foster courage
and adaptability,
empowering
individuals to face
challenges and
overcome setbacks.

RESPECT & SELF BELIEF

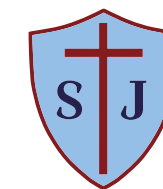
We embrace
diversity and
individuality, fostering
an environment where
everyone feels valued
and confident.



**WATCH
OUR VIDEO**



Apply for a place at St. Joseph's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St. Joseph's we aim to make this a happy experience for everyone. Children can start school in our Reception class in the September of the academic year in which they will be five years old.

To gain a place at St. Joseph's, you will need to apply through Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council's website. Please click the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office. www.stockton.gov.uk/apply-primary



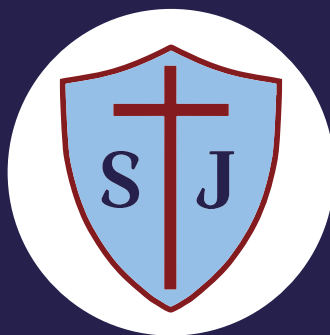
If your child is not already attending our school Nursery, they will be invited to spend some informal sessions with their new teacher and other children from the class in the summer term in order to familiarise themselves with the school environment. An information evening for our new Reception class parents is also held in the summer term.

For mid-year admissions, at other times of the year or for year groups other than Reception, please go through Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council (<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/2543/School-transfers-and-in-year-admissions>). We highly recommend contacting the school in the first instance for a visit.

Nursery Admissions

At St. Joseph's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:30am – 3:30pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.

'Christ be our light'



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