

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, We live, love and learn...



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome I have received in my first week as Headteacher of St Joseph's. I am delighted to have been so warmly accepted into this school family and parish community.

I have served as a Catholic teacher for many years, in schools across Blackburn with Darwen - it is my duty to continue Christ's mission in all that I do. Your children are blessings from God, each one of them with a unique set of gifts and talents and it is my vocation to help them uncover those gifts in an environment of praise and encouragement.

You, as parents, are the most important 'first teachers' for your children. You have loved and nurtured them, celebrated each milestone and caught them each time they fell...It is my commitment to you, that I will continue to do this whilst they are in our care, here at school.

St Joseph's is clearly already a wonderful school. A school with children at the heart of every decision and a sense of 'family' that makes children feel safe and secure, so that they can achieve their full God-given potential. I feel honoured to take the baton from Mrs Blackledge, who has clearly devoted herself to this community in creating such a warm and Christ-centred school family.

Please do introduce yourselves to me when you see me on the yard in the morning or after school. I look forward to getting to know each one of you as we continue this journey together:

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May God's blessings be with you and your families

Kindest regards

Mrs Douglas



Mother Teresa's

Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people
may accuse you of self-
ish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false
friends and some true
enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and
frank, people may cheat
you;
**Be honest and frank
anyway.**

What you spend years
building, someone could
destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and
happiness, they may be
jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget
tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best
you have, and it may
never be enough;
Give the world the best
you've got anyway.

You see, in the end, it is between
you and God; It was never between
you and them **anyway.**