



**St. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Reception Class Parents,

Lessons in Speech Communication will again be offered to Pre-Prep One pupils in September.

The aim of the lessons will be:

- ❑ To teach them to speak clearly and with confidence.
- ❑ To help them to learn to speak with enjoyment and conviction.
- ❑ To encourage them to listen attentively and communicate within a group, without dominating it.
- ❑ To stimulate and develop an interest in different types of verse and prose.

The classes will begin with a course of lessons designed to gradually introduce the children to many aspects of speech, voice and drama work, and to build up their confidence in using the spoken word in public, through practical exercises, reading, listening, poetry, literature and drama.

At this time, it will also be possible to identify and help correct any speech defects which they may have, for example, weak 'r' and 's' sounds and 'th/f' problems. These are common problems and can be tackled before the habit of the poor sound becomes ingrained and the child has developed self-consciousness about it.

The children will be taught in 30-minute sessions, once a week, on a Friday afternoon, in small groups. The cost per child is £12 per session, payable to Mrs Walker in advance at the start of the term (September 2019).

Available places for PP1 pupils are limited and so will be offered on a **"First Come"** basis.

If you wish your child to be included in these new lessons then please e-mail Mrs Walker: [ae.walker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ae.walker@hotmail.co.uk) strictly no later than **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

Lessons will commence on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Do not send fees yet – a tuition form will be sent to you  
with payment details directly from Mrs Walker.**

Yours sincerely

*S. D. Hutchinson .*

**Mrs S D Hutchinson BEd**  
**Headteacher**