



OUR SCHOOL MOTTO IS:

Growing in Faith and Knowledge

OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St Joseph's Preparatory School is a Catholic School, which was founded by the Christian Brothers and is a place where the staff and governors work to bring the Gospel values into all areas of School life and where prayer, worship and liturgy are seen as meaningful experiences.

Each child is encouraged to strive for the highest possible standards of work and behaviour, whilst learning to live as a well-mannered, self-disciplined and tolerant individual both inside and outside the classroom. The children learn to live as happy and caring members of a School community, which values their unique individual talents, and also the needs of others.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School values and nurtures a close partnership with parents and encourages the forming of meaningful links with the wider community. The children are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities in order to develop an interest in sporting, cultural and recreational activities.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School up holds fundamental British values and encourages respect for all people.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School recognises its legal duty to work with Local Safeguarding Children's Board acting on behalf of children in need or enquiring into allegations of abuse.

We recognise that pupils have a fundamental right to be protected from harm and require a secure environment in order to learn effectively.

St Joseph's Preparatory School's Safeguarding Children Policy follows the guidelines laid down by the City of Stoke on Trent Safeguarding Children's Procedures and "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2018) and "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (2018) (KCSIE).

Our motto 'Growing in Faith and Knowledge' encapsulates the School's Aims:

- To provide a caring, Christian community, in which individuals can develop fully.
- To strive for excellence in all areas – academic, sporting, musical etc.
- To provide an ethos which brings the Gospel message alive.
- To develop strong community links.

(St. Joseph's Preparatory School has achieved International School Status and is an Eco School.
We are a Dyslexia Friendly School)

St Joseph's Preparatory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Co-ordinator: Mrs S D Hutchinson
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Sun Awareness Policy

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The following guidelines are drawn to the notice of all staff.

Extra care needs to be taken with children as sunburn in childhood can lead to long-term skin damage. By definition, the harmful effects caused through over exposure will only occur when pupils are out of doors for prolonged periods e.g. school trips or on sports days, although care should also be taken during all playtimes. St Joseph's Preparatory School does not want to discourage the above mentioned activities. However, when planning such events/activities, organising staff should arrange adequate precautions through thorough planning and noting the following points:

- a) minimise the risks by limiting the amount of time that pupils are required to spend exposed to the sun.
- b) consider the timing of events; the sun's harmful rays are most intense between midday and early afternoon.
- c) when it is very hot, keep children out of the sun altogether.
- d) make use of all available shade provided by buildings, trees etc.
- e) encourage parents to send their children to school with a suitable boater or sun hat which provides head, face and neck protection from the sun.
- f) use of sunscreens and sun lotions should be permitted and encouraged. These should be brought to school clearly labelled and in a bag and given to the teacher in the morning.
- g) teachers should ensure that these sun screens/lotions are used correctly and re-applied by the child as appropriate. The teachers will supervise this application.
- h) children can dehydrate very quickly when exposed to the sun's rays. Considerations should be given to the availability of drinks especially where children could be outside for a few hours.

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When the sun is very hot, we do ask that you make sure that your child has an appropriate sun lotion / sun screen on and can then bring some lotion/screen in school which is bagged and labelled and given to the class teacher in the morning. Teachers will then ensure that these are correctly reapplied by the child as appropriate. Teachers will supervise this application. It is important that children only use their own sun lotion / sunscreen, unfortunately, the school is unable to provide such products. School baseball caps and Legionnaire caps are available from the school office priced at £5.95