

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackhall Prospectus 2024



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Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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We are able to get to know our pupils well, enabling us to support and challenge them to be the best they can be. We offer an exciting and broad curriculum which promotes high aspirations from our confident and resilient learners.

The school's Mission Statement highlights the importance of valuing respect, friendship, excellence and care in all we think, do and say. These core values are at the heart of our school, and we are very proud that it was our pupils who chose them.

We have dedicated staff and governors, and our families, parish and the local community all play an important role in the success of our happy school.

Please look at our brochure and if you would like to know more, then please feel free to get in touch or visit our school website

www.stjosephsblackhall.net

Lisa Ashton
Headteacher



Our School Mission Statement

Our school is built on Gospel values of Respect, Friendship, Excellence and Care. You will see these on our school badge designed by our children.



At the centre of our badge, like the heart of our school is the cross of Saint Cuthbert, the symbol of our Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The badge represents our school and developing the whole child, building their resilience and enabling them to strive for excellence.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn.

All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to be protected from harm. Therefore, any suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

We adhere to Keeping Children Safe in Education, statutory guidance from the Department for Education. We are all responsible for ensuring that each child remains safe and we have designated Safeguarding Officers in School.

Curriculum

We are committed to providing a curriculum, which is broad and balanced, recognising that every pupil is unique. Our curriculum is designed to enable all children to achieve, reach their potential and let their lights shine. Teaching and learning at St. Joseph's has many creative elements and we aim to make learning relevant to the children and their local area.

We follow the R.E. programme 'Come and See', supplemented by a variety of materials that help children grow in faith, understanding and relationship with God. Prayers are said each day, class liturgical prayers every week and there is a regular programme of class masses.

The curriculum presently comprises the following subjects – R.E., RSE, English, Maths, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, P.E., Music, MFL and PSHE. The Reception class follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We recognise, not only the importance of helping our pupils to flourish academically but also spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, so they are fully prepared for life in British society and for their role as citizens. We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected.

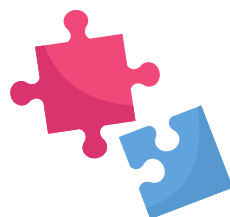
Parents are invited into school throughout the year to learn about the curriculum and how they can help and support their child's learning. In the Autumn Term Parents are invited to a Curriculum Awareness Evening where they are given an overview of their child's learning.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We differentiate activities to help those children who experience learning difficulties. We work closely with outside agencies and our designated Educational Psychologist if further support is requested. We work with the guidelines and regulations of the Code of Practice (New SEND reforms) for Special Educational Needs in all cases.

At our school we value that fact that all of our children are unique and different with a range of different strengths and talents. We recognise that some children need additional support to be able to access the curriculum. We differentiate activities to help those children who experience learning difficulties, whilst working closely, where necessary, with outside agencies such as:

- **School nurse**
- **Speech and Language Service**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Team**
- **Educational Psychology**



We pride ourselves on working together closely with families and children to work quickly and get the best plan possible in place should your child need additional support.

If your child, at some point throughout the school journey, needs this additional support please don't worry, sometimes this is just intervention or support for a short time and can be tailored to your child's individual needs. Our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) is there to provide support.

The School Day

School starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm. The doors open each morning at 8.45am.

Breakfast club opens daily from 7.30am and costs £2 per day. Breakfast is served 7.30am - 8.20am and places should be booked by contacting the school office. Payment is via Parent Pay.



Uniform

- Pale blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt
- Grey shorts/blue gingham dress
- Grey sweatshirt/cardigan

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Pilmolls
- Tracksuit/Trainers (for outdoor use only)

Our uniform supplier is www.elizabethsembroidery.com

Our Nursery

We offer 15 or 30 hours of nursery provision as well as paid hours. All children qualify for 15 hours per week for the term after they turn 3.

If you would like to visit our nursery, you would be very welcome to do so - please contact the school office.





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