



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC NURSERY

MISSION STATEMENT

At St Joseph's we love, learn and live by the example of Jesus Christ.

In a happy Catholic environment, we work to help our children grow closer to God and to respect and discover the best in each other.

We want the children to enjoy and make the most of their learning experiences together – to develop their many talents and achieve their highest potential.

We encourage our children to be responsible and caring members of the wider community.

We are committed to the well-being of all staff and to their continuing professional development.

We regard highly the special relationship we have with parents and wish to strengthen it.

We value and appreciate the support we receive from our Governors, Clergy and the Parish Community.

At St Joseph's we believe that every child should have the same life chances to fulfil their potential. As such we have a duty as an educating community to fully support the five outcomes of Every Child Matters (ECM).

Our aims are based on our beliefs and values:

- every person is a child of God, uniquely valued
- every member of the NURSERY community is important
- the foundation of all we do is the person of Jesus
- our work is to educate every child to their potential according to their individual needs and abilities.
- every child needs to have a „whole“ education, developing all aspects of their character and ability; the „hidden curriculum“ is therefore an essential component of each child's development
- every child deserves quality experiences in their primary education, developing a zest for living, a sense of wonder and time for reflection
- every child deserves to be helped and supported on his/her faith journey through the influential attitudes, values and commitment of the adult members of the community
- we are partners with parents and others in the education process

The nursery aims to be distinctive in its character through generosity of spirit, value of the individual and recognition of the needs of others

Prayer, Collective Worship

Worship is an essential and constant feature of the nursery. Celebrations occur regularly according to the liturgical seasons and special feasts. They involve staff, children, clergy and parents and are carried out in ways suited to the children's own particular stages of development. They should, as far as possible:

- Reflect, express and celebrate the work and activity of the children at school. (ECM)
- Be child based and not adult imposed
- Be relevant to the lives of the children, both in and out of school. (ECM)
- Involve the active participation of the children involved.
- Be built around the four areas gather, word/listen, respond/action and send forth.
- Include, in ways applicable to the occasion, the following elements; music, prayer, drama, reflection and readings.

To enrich the children's experience of collective worship the Nursery has a Holy area where children able to reflect and pray.

The children pray together in the morning.

Bible stories are shared with the children weekly.