

St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School



Welcome

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We are looking forward to working with all pupils and their families.

Some of you may be confident with the routines within school, but for those who are not, we hope this booklet puts your mind at rest as we share with you what is expected within Reception classroom and the routines that take place.

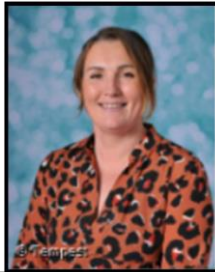


Staff in the classroom

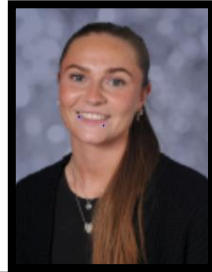
Teachers



Mrs Pugsley



Mrs McGinty



Miss Morris

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Cartwright



Mrs Williams



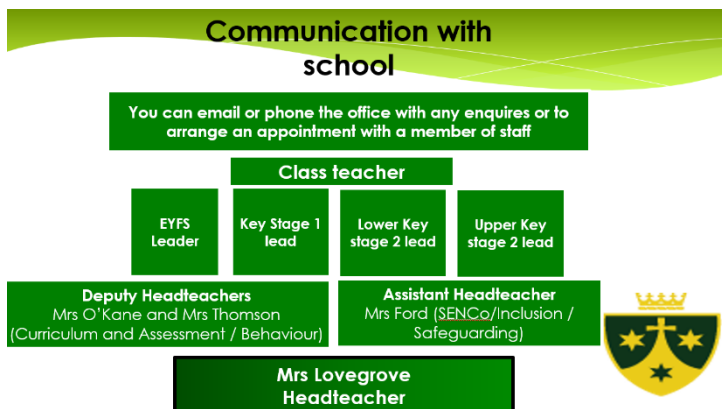
Mrs Lindsay

Communication

At St Joseph's we believe that positive home to school relationships are vital for enhancing a child's school success. Throughout the year we communicate with you through our daily conversations at pick up, parent evenings and weekly newsletters.

Appointments for more lengthy discussions can be made via the school office.

office@stjosephschalfont.school



Morning Routine

The doors open at 8:30am, children will find their peg to hang their coats up, place their book bag in their class



reading box and complete a self-registration routine.

You can read a book with your child that you have at home and record it in your reading diary. All children are expected to have read once a day at home and have their diary signed by an adult.

Once inside the classroom the children should find their morning place and then complete the planned activity.

This could range from;

- Maths games
- Puzzle challenge
- Phonics activities
- Reading activity

Parents are asked to make the drop off to the classroom short. Your child may get a little upset during the first few weeks but we will ensure that they get comfort and will contact you if we feel your child will not settle.



Routines



When your child starts Reception, our focus is on settling them into their new environment and building positive relationships. We will have a period of induction for the first few weeks where together we will establish our routines, expectations and where we will focus primarily on building and nurturing our class community. Our main focus is ensuring your child has a smooth transition into Reception our priority is to make sure your child feels safe, happy and excited about their new learning experiences.

End of the Day

3:30pm—At the end of the day teachers will send children to their parents/carers from the allocated door. If there are any changes in regular collection routines, we ask you to let us know in the morning or by telephoning the school office in advance if an emergency arises. You would have provided a password, anyone collecting a child will be asked for the password. Until we are familiar with you there may be an occasion when you are asked for the password. This is to keep your child safe so please be patient with staff who may be unfamiliar with you.

Toys

We ask that all toys and cuddly teddies stay at home. If they are brought into school they are likely to be lost. Please explain this to your child and do not let them bring any toys or precious belongings in their school bag.



Phonics

Within the first weeks of your child starting in Reception, we will start Read Write Inc which is a phonics programme. The children will start by learning a new sound every day.

By the October half term children should be able to recognise 25 sounds and be starting to blend.

You can find up to date information to support your child on our Website under the Phonics tab



PE—Need to know

PE will take place on a Monday, Children are expected to attend school on a Monday morning in St Joseph's PE kit. No logo sports wear is permitted. Full details can be found on the school website.



General Reminders

Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check each morning and give things in before the register. Please check your child's book bag each day.

How you can help your child?

Look at the pictures attached with your child and talk to them about attending school.

-Encourage children to practise writing their name using the name template.

-Play number games, practise counting.

-Read whenever possible.

-Encourage your child to be independent when getting changed.

-Use the weekly newsletter to support and extend conversations with your child.

Our School



Our Indoor Classroom

Our indoor classrooms are packed full of activities that you will love, we have a construction area, small world, craft, maths, a quiet place you can enjoy books and so much more. We even have special visitors helping us with our learning.



Our Outdoor Classroom

Our outdoor classroom is always busy with lots of activities to keep you busy.





We have rules but always get rewards when we make good choices.



Playing in our play-ground at lunchtime
is great fun! We even have a castle



Forest school is such fun. We learn lots
of new skills and have a great forest
school teacher who knows so much
about the outdoors



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read through this booklet.

On our return in September, please feel free to ask any remaining questions you may have. For now, enjoy the summer holidays. We look forward to working closely with you and your children in September.

