

School Prospectus



St. Joseph's Convent Primary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians

Welcome to St. Joseph's Convent Primary School. I am delighted that you are sending your son or daughter to our school. This prospectus will give you the basic information you require regarding our school community.

We strive to ensure that all children have an opportunity to develop their talents and their potential according to their ability.

The staff and Board of Governors recognise that the school and home support each other and work together for the best possible development of the child. It is important that mutual trust and respect is on the basis of our shared responsibility.

We will do our best to keep you informed as much as possible and ask that you do likewise.

I look forward to a happy and positive partnership with you and your child.

Should you require more information about a particular aspect please feel welcome to make an appointment to see me.

With sincere good wishes

Doreen O'Neill

Mrs. Doreen O'Neill
Principal.

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Mission Statement

"Our mission is to provide a place of learning where pupils, staff and all members of the school community work together in Christian harmony to successfully develop their abilities, values, knowledge, skills and talents."

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General School Aims

In St. Joseph's Convent Primary School we aim:

To share and develop our catholic values and beliefs.

To promote the multi-cultural nature of society and to foster respect for those with different religions, beliefs and ways of life.

To provide a welcoming, caring, stimulating, inclusive and safe learning environment that supports pupils' learning and which celebrates their academic and non-academic achievements.

To inspire a love of learning and to deliver the Northern Ireland curriculum to the highest standard, which develops the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for future learning and living.

To nurture the abilities and talents of every child fostering respect, confidence and creativity.

To safeguard and support both pupils and staff and encourage full participation in school life.

To work in partnership with parents and outside agencies for the benefit of pupils.

We aim to help our pupils:

Develop as confident, independent, disciplined and enquiring learners; able to make informed choices and decisions and able to self-manage.

Develop Communication, Using Mathematics and ICT knowledge and skills.

Deepen and express their catholic faith.

Develop creative and physical knowledge and skills.

Know and understand their world through scientific, historical, geographical and religious enquiry and be aware of their responsibilities to care for the environment.

Live healthily and experience a broad range of meaningful activities e.g. extra-curricular activities.

School Organisation

Current Board of Governors

Sr. Frances Connolly	Chairperson, Trustee Representative
Mr. Eamon Nogher	Vice-Chairperson, EA Representative
Mrs. Martina Breen	Secretary, Trustee Representative
Mr. Paul McDonnell	Trustee Representative
Mrs. Marie McMullan	Trustee Representative
Mr. Ronan Curtis	Department of Education Representative
Mrs. Linda Heaney	EA Representative
Mr. Conor Farrell	Teacher Representative
Mr. Martin Rafferty	Parent Representative

The Board of Governors will be reconstituted in 2018

Principal	Mrs. Doreen O'Neill	Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Vice-Principal	Miss Josephine McMahon	SENCO, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Teacher Tutor

Senior Management

Mrs. Judith Coffey	Key Stage Two Numeracy Co-ordinator
Mrs. Deborah Moore	Key Stage One Numeracy Co-ordinator
Miss Aveen Hagan	Key Stage Two Literacy Co-ordinator Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Mrs. Caroline McAteer	Key Stage One Literacy Co-ordinator
Mrs. Joanne Cole	Teaching, Learning & Assessment Co-ordinator
Mrs. Catherine Sherry	Head of Nursery Designated Teacher for Child Protection

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School Rules

These general rules will be enforced fairly and consistently by teaching and non-teaching staff.

(Teachers have their own classroom rules to ensure effective learning and effective classroom management)

All members of staff agree on and encourage all pupils to carry out the following rules:

- Pupils will show respect for others and use good manners.
- Pupils will take responsibility for their own actions.
- Socially unacceptable behaviour e.g. fighting, bad language, bullying will not be tolerated.
- Pupils will play safely and line up when the bell rings.
- Pupils will refrain from talking in class lines.
- Pupils will care for their school environment and keep it safe.
- Pupils will enter and leave classrooms, resource areas and corridors quietly and safely.
- Pupils will arrive punctually for morning assembly at 9.00 a.m.
- Pupils will not leave school premises.
- Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones in school. Mobile phones which are removed from school bags will be confiscated and can be collected in the school office at home-time.
- All pupils must wear the full school uniform. (See Additional Uniform Regulations)
- Glass bottles, chewing gum and nuts or nut products are not allowed.
- Parents must provide a reason for a pupil's absence at school.
- Pupils may only leave the school premises early when the class teacher receives a note of consent.
- Dinner money must be paid in **advance** on a Monday morning.

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School Uniform

All pupils must wear the full school uniform.

Girls

Navy pinafore
Red cardigan
Red tie
White blouse
White or red socks or tights
Navy coat
Black shoes

Boys

Navy trousers
Red jumper
Red tie
White shirt
Dark socks
Navy coat
Black shoes

P.E Uniform

Tracksuit
White or red polo shirt
Trainers

P.E tracksuit may only be worn on days specified by the school e.g. P.E, trips

All pupils should have a pair of soft shoes for Physical Education and a tracksuit.

All articles of clothing including P.E. uniform should be clearly marked with child's name.

Summer Uniform

There is no summer uniform (i.e. check dress) for St. Joseph's Convent P.S

- Short sleeved blouses or shirts may be worn with pinafore or trousers.
- Navy Shorts may be worn on days for specified purposes e.g. P.E

Uniform Regulations

- Jewellery must not be worn to school.
(This includes rings, bracelets, necklaces. Stud earrings are permissible.)
- Nail varnish is not allowed.
- Hair accessories should be basic.
- Designed razor haircuts are not acceptable for boys.