



# Parents' Transition Information

## July 2023

Welcome to Year 4

# Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 4 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September. I can't wait to be their teacher next academic year!

Miss Gibbons

# Your new teacher is Miss Gibbons

Hello, my name is Miss Gibbons. I have been at St Joseph's since 2022 and this will be my second year of teaching!

My favourite subject is maths and I love finding creative ways to teach it so that everyone can understand it and hopefully enjoy it like I do!

I really enjoy spending time with my family, especially my niece who is 1 year old. I enjoy going for walks and playing tennis with my sister at the weekends.



Even though I have an English accent, I grew up in Northern Ireland where I lived by the sea. I used to love going for walks by the coast and still love to visit friends when I can.

I like to travel and my favourite country that I have visited is Madagascar. I especially loved visiting a crocodile sanctuary where I also got to feed some very friendly lemurs!

A little-known fact about me is that my favourite time of the year is Christmas. I have been known to watch Home Alone as early as July!

# Expectations

At St. Joseph's we pride ourselves in maintaining high expectations and appreciate your support with these too.

- Children in neat and tidy **full uniform** every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- Only **one pair of plain, round stud earrings** (no shapes or patterns) in the lobes of the ears. Watches are allowed but not smart watches in which messages can be sent and received
- Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. It must be done in the six week holiday and the children must be able to take the earrings out and put them in for PE sessions independently. Staff are not allowed to touch the piercings.
- No other jewellery is allowed
- No nail varnish allowed
- No extreme hair styles – tram lines etc.
- Long hair must be tied back (for girls AND boys).



# Expectations Continued

As you already know, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You all play a crucial role in the education of your children along with us all here at St. Joseph's.

- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Key Stage 1 children should be able to cut up their own food at dinner times unless they have a particular need in being able to do this
- Reading, writing and maths activities should be encouraged at home. (more to follow in the upcoming slides)
- Pencil cases should be manageable size (Key Stage 2 only)
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings
- Everything should be labelled



# Behaviour

## Behaviour

At St Joseph's we aim to create and sustain a positive, supportive and secure environment

We do this by also being **Safe, Ready and Respectful** of everyone in our school.

## Our School Rights

There are four basic rights for both adults and children in our school:

- The right to feel and be safe
- The right to learn
- The right to be treated with respect
- The right to be the person God wants me to be



# Behaviour cont.

**Everyone has the responsibility to protect these rights through their own behaviour and actions.**

- The responsibility to make sure others feel and are safe
- The responsibility to allow others to learn in class
- The responsibility to treat others as we would like to be treated
- The responsibility to allow others the opportunity to develop as God wants them to be



# Behaviour cont.

At St Joseph's, great emphasis is placed **on rewarding good behaviour** displayed by children.

**House points** will be issued for good and exceptional behaviour and work (ranging from 1 to 3 points). House points are collated at the end of each week and the winning house announced during the weekly 'Gifts from God' assembly on Fridays. The winning house over the term will be rewarded with an extra prize for their efforts.

This will be decided by the school staff i.e. additional playtime etc.

Each class will have a **recognition board** to recognise the children who are displaying positive behaviour. Safe, ready, respect.

In addition to this, one child will be chosen from each for **Good Work and also for displaying the Catholic virtues** (Catholic Schools Pupil Profile). Staff can also send a child to the Vice Principal/Principal for exceptional work.



If a child is not being safe, ready and respectful they will be reminded of the school rules by the class teacher and which of their behaviours is not following this.

There will be consequences if children are repeatedly not following the rules.

If this behaviour continues to escalate sanctions may be required and parents may be informed. In more serious incidents, Mrs McCole will be informed followed by Mr Wilkes.



## **Bullying**

All bullying will be investigated in school and dealt with appropriately

If you feel that you are being bullied - you should tell someone straight away - class teacher, a member of SLT, School councillor, putting a note in the worry box

Bullying will not be tolerated at St Joseph's

# Homework



- It is vital that parents display a positive attitude to homework and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete work too.
- If parents feel that the homework is insufficient for their child's needs, they are encouraged to take responsibility for the child's learning themselves (as co-educators with the school), by visiting the local library, providing other educational opportunities by visiting local places of interest or by buying homework books from local bookshops.
- Teachers will be more than happy to provide you with a list of educational websites to help with homework and revision.
- If parents have any queries or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

## **Pupils with special educational needs**

- We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

# Homework in Key Stage 2



We have a consistent approach to homework across our four Key Stage 2 classes.

- **Reading should be completed every night (recommended 10 minutes) and recorded on the Boom Reader App. Children can record the name of the book and pages read themselves or an adult can do it.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)**
- **Learn the Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFs) for each half-term.**
- Any online homework, such as Education City and Times Tables Rock stars, should be completed when set. Opportunities will be provided for children who do not have access to the internet or parents should visit the local library with their children to use the computers free of charge. Children can access these resources independently even when homework is not set.
- Any other topic work/project work should be completed when set (usually over the course of a number of weeks).

# Additional information

- Swimming Lessons

The children will attend swimming lessons this year. More details are to follow.

- Year 4 Times Table Check

At the end of Year 4, children will take part in the national times table check. Therefore, they need to know **all tables up to 12 x 12, in and out of order.**

- First Holy Communion

Some children will be receiving the wonderful Sacrament of the Eucharist. More information to follow next term.

## Pencil case:

- Please could your child bring a **pencil case to school in September:**
- It would be great if you could provide the following items:  
Pencils, blue handwriting pens, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue sticks

Extra optional items: Whiteboard pens, purple pens, pencil crayon pack, green highlighter



# Ways to prepare your child for Year 4:

- Practise times tables with them.

Useful websites include:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

- Read with them and encourage them to explore different books.



Thankyou so much for taking the time to read this PowerPoint. I am so excited to welcome the children into year 4 and work alongside them and you over the next year. If you do have any questions or would like some more information, please contact the school office or send a message to: [info\\_stjosephs@emmausmac.com](mailto:info_stjosephs@emmausmac.com)

I hope you have a lovely summer and I can't wait to welcome your children in September!

Miss Gibbons 😊