

School Handbook

St Joseph's RC Primary School



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Section 1: Welcome and Vision

Dear parents/carers,

At St Joseph's RC Primary School we strive to ensure that every member of our community is given the nurture, care and support required to enable them to reach their fullest potential. We are committed to providing a positive and inclusive ethos, based on Gospel Values, where high expectations are set for all learners, within a rich and varied curriculum. Our pupils are the most important people in our school and every member of staff is fully committed towards ensuring that each child's time spent at St Joseph's is a happy and fruitful experience. We endeavour, with the essential co-operation of our parents, parish and local community to encourage our young people to grow, not only educationally, but also emotionally, socially and spiritually.

We hope that our school handbook is helpful in informing you about our school and we look forward to working in partnership with you as parents/carers. We recognise the crucial role you play in supporting your child's education and believe that a strong partnership between home and school will ensure your child benefits from the high quality educational experience at St Joseph's.

Mrs M Louden
Head Teacher

Section 2: School Ethos

St Joseph's RC Primary School strives to serve and play an integral part in the local community. Through our shared vision of ambition and high expectations for all learners, our school will ensure a welcoming and nurturing environment for all, where diversity is valued and equality and inclusion promoted.

Working in partnership, St Joseph's RC Primary will endeavour to provide opportunities for every learner to extend their own potential, in order to help prepare them for future learning, life and work.

Our mission is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing not only the highest quality of education, but helping to nurture the formation of all individuals through our own living witness to the Gospel Values, through celebration and worship and through service to the common good.

Support
Teamwork

Justice
Openness
Self-Awareness
Excellence
Positivity
Honesty
Success

Section 2: School Ethos

At St Joseph's we aim to create

Successful Learners who:

- are engaged in their learning and motivated to achieve success
- apply growth mind-set thinking to overcome challenges
- persevere and don't give up easily
- can apply skills in different contexts
- recognise their own skills and talents and set achievable targets

At St Joseph's we aim to create

Responsible Citizens who:

- make good choices
- display good behaviour, follow school rules and are positive ambassadors for our school
- get along with others, developing a solution focused approach when things go wrong
- respect and care for our shared spaces, our resources and each other
- understand the world and look after it

At St Joseph's we aim to create

Effective Contributors who:

- can solve problems & work cooperatively with each other
- are emotionally literate
- are resilient
- can use a variety of strategies in order to communicate effectively
- who are willing participants in the wider life of our school

At St Joseph's we aim to create

Confident Individuals who:

- are not afraid to try new things
- can form and voice their own opinions in an articulate way
- believe in themselves and each other
- can show initiative, leading their own learning
- are ambitious

Section 3: School Information

School Address:	St Joseph's PS, 1 Glenagnes Road, Dundee, DD2 2AB
Telephone:	01382 435316
Fax:	01382 435177
Email Address:	stjosephsrcprimary@dundeeschools.scot
Website:	stjosephsprimary.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk
Head Teacher:	Mrs Michelle Louden
Depute Head Teacher:	Ms Carolyn Lothian
Principal Teacher, Supporting Learners:	Ms Susan Forbes
Principal Teacher, Mainstream:	Miss Stacey McPherson
School Status:	Catholic and co-educational
School Roll:	340
School Hours:	9.00am - 12.15pm, 1.15pm - 3.15pm
Parent Council Contact Info:	Mrs Louise Flight
Parish Priest or Minister:	Father Gregory Murphy
Parish Address:	St. Joseph's Church, Wilkies Lane, Dundee

Section 3: School Information

For the first three weeks in the first term (August – early September), Primary 1 will be dismissed at 12.15pm.

Office Hours

The school office is open from 8.45am - 3.30pm.

Please help us by making routine telephone calls within office hours. The answering machine is switched on for your convenience when the school office is unmanned. Please do leave a message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

Parents/carers who wish to contact the school to discuss any issues regarding their child are asked to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with a member of the senior leadership team. Should the school wish to contact a parent/carer, this will be done by telephone, text message or letter.

We continue to share our success through the school Twitter account - @StJosephsDCC and also have our school website for sharing information.

Class Organisation

The organisation of classes may vary from year to year dependent upon certain factors such as the school roll and the number of teachers allocated to the school that session.

At any stage of the school, pupils may be in a straight class which comprises of pupils from the same stage e.g. all Primary 2 pupils or they may be part of a composite class which comprises of pupils from more than one stage, for instance a class with some Primary 2 and some Primary 3 pupils.

You should be confident that the professionalism of the staff in the school will ensure that your child will always work within a programme appropriate for his/her age, ability and aptitude.

Section 4: School Policies & Practical Information

School Terms and Holidays

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 16 August 2021 - IN SERVICE DAY (Staff resume)

Tuesday 17 August 2021 - Term starts (Pupils resume)

Friday 8 October 2021 - Term ends

AUTUMN HOLIDAY

Monday 11 October 2021 - Holiday starts

Friday 22 October 2021 - Holiday ends

WINTER TERM

Monday 25 October 2021 - Term starts

Thursday 11 November 2021 - IN SERVICE DAY

Friday 12 November 2021 - IN SERVICE DAY

Wednesday 22 December 2021 - Term ends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday 23 December 2021 - Holiday starts

Wednesday 5 January 2022 - Holiday ends

SPRING TERM

Thursday 6 January 2022 - All resume

Friday 11 - Monday 14 February 2022 - Mid term

Tuesday 15 February 2022 - IN SERVICE DAY

Friday 1 April 2022 - Term ends

SPRING HOLIDAY

Monday 4 April 2022 - Holiday starts

Friday 15 April 2022 - Holiday ends

SUMMER TERM

Monday 18 April 2022 - Term starts

Monday 2 May 2022 - May Day (schools closed)

Thursday 5 May 2022

Thursday 2 June 2022

Friday 3 June 2022

Thursday 30 July 2022 - Term ends

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School Uniform

There is an expectation for all pupils to wear the correct school uniform. This helps us in our aim of encouraging children to take a pride in their appearance and to have respect for their school.

Uniform:

Navy trousers/skirt or Summer Dress
Navy pullover/cardigan/school sweatshirt
White/blue shirt/blouse or polo shirt
School tie, navy blazer, school shoes

A range of clothing sporting the school badge is available and can be purchased Marks and Spencer online. Go to marksandspencers.com and select kids where you will find school uniforms. In school uniforms select Your School Uniform, Scotland and then St. Joseph's Primary, Dundee or follow the link below:

<http://www.marksandspencer.com/St-Josephs-RC-Primary-Dundee-Your-School-Uniform/b/1679790031>

Gym: Shorts, t-shirt, gym shoes (not to be worn outside)

All articles should be clearly marked with your child's name since many children in a class have similar articles, which are made by the same manufacturer.

School Clothing Grants

School Clothing Grants If you are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit (where take home pay is less than £610 per month), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Tax Credit with an income of less than £16,105 (as assessed by HMRC), you may be entitled to receive a grant towards the cost of buying essential clothing to enable children up to the age of 16 to attend school.

Grants are paid directly into the applicant's bank account or paid by cheque where the applicant does not have a bank account.

The current value of a Clothing Grant is £100 per child.

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Applications forms can be submitted online:

www.dundee.gov.uk/eduforms

School Meals

School lunches cost £2.15 per day and all children are provided with a lunch menu by Tayside Contracts.

All children staying for lunches within school will eat in the dining hall. Safety flasks containing hot food may be brought to school, but not the glass vacuum type, which may be dangerous, as they are liable to break. Glass bottles should not be brought to school.

Please inform us in writing if your child has any special dietary needs so that arrangements can be put in place to accommodate their needs.

The dining room is supervised by support staff at all times. Please note that the school does not encourage pupils going out of school to buy their lunch due to safety reasons.

Free School Meals

Free School Meals Free school meals are available to all pupils whose parents receive Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit (where take home pay is less than £610 per month), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit ONLY with an income of less than £16,105, or BOTH Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income less than £7,330 (as assessed by HMRC).

Applications forms can be submitted online:

www.dundee.gov.uk/eduforms

Instrumental Tuition

Tuition fees are currently free and instrument hire is £85.00 per year.

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Payments to Schools

The school currently accepts payments online, using a secure website called ParentPay, for items such as school meals, trips and uniforms. The ParentPay system is easy to use and offers parents the freedom to make payments by debit or credit card, whenever they like, ensuring that monies reach schools safely and securely.

The system helps to remove the costs associated with having to manage cash securely on school premises and it frees up time to better support the smooth running of the school. We will of course continue to accept cash and cheque payments as necessary but we do hope that parents will use the new online facility. The more parents use the service, the greater the benefit to the school, the parents and the pupils alike.

If you already have a ParentPay account you don't have to do anything. If you haven't yet activated your ParentPay Account, please contact the school office who will reprint your activation letter to enable you to set up your ParentPay account ready for the start of the new term.

Emergency School Closure Procedures

In exceptional circumstances the school may be unable to function normally. The school may be affected by severe weather or power failures. We shall do all we can to let you know about the details of closure and re-opening through the local radio, press, text messages and letters home. You can be assured that we will never send a child home without first checking that there is an adult at home.

Enrolment & Placing Requests

If you wish to apply for a school place, whether you are moving into Dundee or moving between two Dundee schools, you are

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required to complete a placing request form. To do this, you should go direct to the school you wish your child to attend and apply there. The child's full birth certificate and a proof of address, in the form of a Tenancy Agreement, Council Tax book or recent (within two months) utilities account must be shown. If you are moving into the area, applications can be made 4 weeks prior to your arrival. Applications are dealt with in date order and the process may take up to 60 days.

Parents of prospective Primary 1 pupils who reside in the school's catchment area are asked to register their child's name at the school office between December and the February of the year the child starts school. The child's full birth certificate and a proof of address, in the form of a Tenancy Agreement, Council Tax book or recent (within two months) utilities account must be shown.

Parents of children living outwith the school's catchment area, who wish their child to attend the school, are asked to make a placing request. Forms can be obtained from Customer Services, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee.

Prospective parents who wish to come to see the school are invited to telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit.

School Absence procedures

Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child is absent. Please send a note to school with your child on their return explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent and no contact is made by you, a text message will be sent from the school. If three days pass without explanation for an absence a School and Family Development Worker will arrange to visit you and your child at home.

The following points are included in the Education Authority's Attendance Initiative

- If your child is ill and cannot attend school please contact the school before, or as soon as possible after 9.00am on the first day of absence.

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- If your child is ill and cannot attend school please contact the school before, or as soon as possible after 9.00am on the first day of absence.
- If the absence is planned, e.g. a hospital appointment, we ask you to let us know prior to the absence.
- If your child is absent for more than three days please call again or write to tell us.
- If you have not contacted the school to say your child is absent and have received a text message please contact us as soon as possible.

Regular attendance at school ensures your child is receiving the continuous education they are entitled to. Dundee City Council asks that, where possible, parents do not take children out of school for family holidays during term time. In accordance with Scottish Executive guidelines for pupil attendance, most holidays are recorded as unauthorised unless there is proof from an employer that this is the only time when holidays could be taken.

A guide for parents about school attendance explains parental responsibilities with regard to children's attendance at school – <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/04134640/0>

Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day or needs to leave school for any other reason, please put this in writing. We would appreciate it if routine appointments could be made outwith school hours but understand that this isn't always possible.

If your child does need to leave school during the school day they must be collected by a parent/carer at the main reception. In the interest of safety we cannot allow children to leave the school unaccompanied.

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Accidents/Illness at School

In the event of a child having an accident or becoming ill at school we will attempt to contact the parents so that they can collect the child from school. However, if we cannot contact the parents, we will contact the Emergency Contact whose name and telephone number should be given to us by the parents.

Therefore it is very important that parents inform the school of the name, address and telephone number of the Emergency Contact and advise the school immediately of any changes that occur.

General Safety

1. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds during interval
2. Pupils staying for school lunches or packed lunches must not leave the grounds during lunch time
3. To ensure the safety of all children, children should behave responsibly both in the playground and within the school

Promoting Positive Behaviour

“Curriculum for Excellence cannot be delivered without good relationships and positive behaviour. Children and young people should feel happy, safe, respected and included in the learning environment and all staff should be proactive in promoting positive behaviour in the classroom, playground, and wider learning community. Underpinning this is the emotional health and wellbeing of staff.”

- Building Curriculum for Excellence through Positive Relationships and Behaviour

Our Positive Relationships Policy is available on request from the school office. We attempt to make our children aware of the fact that their school must have rules which are designed to help protect and guide them

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When an instance of negative behaviour is detected we deal with the matter using Restorative Approaches. By using such approaches we build and sustain a climate of

- responsibility for own actions and the impact they have on others
- respect of other peoples' views and feelings
- empathy with the feelings of others
- fairness
- commitment to equitable processes
- involvement of all in decisions about their own lives
- returning issues of conflict to the participants
- willingness to create opportunities for reflective change in pupils and staff

By using restorative approaches we encourage members of the school community to effectively resolve and learn from conflict in a way which maintains relationships, or terminates them in a positive way.

The approach involves including the wrongdoer in finding a solution to the problem. Instead of asking 'Who's to blame and how are we going to punish them?' focus is put on reasons, causes, responsibilities and feelings. Those involved are asked questions such as 'Who has been affected and how?' and 'How can we put it right and learn from this experience?'

The outcome of such conversations are shared with parents and carers.

Section 5: Parental Involvement

We are committed to maintaining positive links between home and school. This positive partnership is very important to the health, happiness and progress of our children. Parents/Carers are encouraged to participate in all aspects of school life whether it is:

- Open Days
- Parents' Meetings
- Reporting Evenings
- Termly Newsletters
- Curriculum Leaflets
- Homework/Reading Diaries
- Parent Council
- Curricular Meetings
- Plays
- Enrolment Meetings
- Sacraments
- Transition to secondary school
- SeeSaw
- School website
- Regularly updated Twitter feed

Section 6: The Curriculum

Curriculum for Excellence 3-18

Curriculum for Excellence has been introduced to raise standards of learning and teaching for all pre-school to 18 year olds. It aims to help prepare children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need in a fast changing world. As part of Curriculum for Excellence all children from pre-school to the end of S3 will receive a rounded education known as a Broad General Education. Curriculum for Excellence is all about bringing real life into the classroom and taking lessons beyond it.

Through the experiences we provide we want our children to become Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. We are committed to providing children with a broad general education and focus on eight curriculum areas.

Expressive Arts	Health & Wellbeing	Languages	Mathematics
Religious & Moral	Sciences	Social Studies	Technologies

Progress in learning is indicated through curriculum levels as detailed below.

Level	Stage
Early	The pre-school years and P1 or later
First	To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some
Second	To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some
Third & Fourth	S1-S3, but earlier for some

Expressive arts: The inspiration and power of the arts play a vital role in enabling our children and young people to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills.

Health and wellbeing: Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and young people develop the knowledge, understanding and skills which they need now and in the future to help them with their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

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Science: Science and its practical application in healthcare and industry is central to our economic future, for our health and wellbeing as individuals and as a society.

Social Studies: Through social studies, children and young people develop their understanding of the world by learning about other people and places both past and present, societies, their beliefs and values.

Religious and moral education: Religious and moral education includes learning about Christianity, Islam and other world religions, and supports the development of beliefs and values.

Languages: Knowing other languages and understanding other cultures is a 21st century skill set for students as they prepare to live and work in a global society.

Mathematics: Mathematics equips us with the skills we need to interpret and analyse information, simplify and solve problems, assess risk and make informed decisions.

Technologies: The range of subjects in technical education has changed significantly over the last two decades and now includes craft, design, engineering and graphics.

Further curricular information can be found at:

www.curriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/index.asp

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Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

The GIRFEC approach is about how staff in all children's services meet their needs by working together to ensure that children reach their full potential.

www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright

Religious Observance

Through the ethos and curriculum, we provide opportunities for pupils to explore morals and values. We help learners develop their own beliefs, values and a responsible attitude to others. Pupils are encouraged to develop an understanding of Christianity and other religions. Pupils develop skills of reflection, critical thinking and how to act when making moral decisions. The school welcomes diversity and individuality while emphasising our common commitment to moral values such as honesty, respect for others, compassion and justice. It is a fundamental principle of the school that all who are involved in the life of the school have the right to be respected as individuals and carry the responsibility to act in a considerate and respectful manner towards others.

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 "any pupils may be withdrawn by his/her parents from instruction in religious subjects and from religious observance" Parents wishing to exercise this right should discuss with the Head Teacher.

Sensitive Issues

Part of our curriculum involves teaching the children about issues which could be considered sensitive i.e. sexual health and relationships education or drugs and alcohol awareness. Parents should be assured that whenever these topics arise, we will communicate as appropriate with home. On some occasions we may send a letter just to raise awareness that specific issues are to be covered, on other occasions we will actively seek permission to include your child/ children in a series of lessons. If any parent is concerned about what is being covered within the curriculum however, they should feel free to speak to a member of staff about this.



A Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland

The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.

All Catholic schools in Scotland, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.

All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in this Charter.

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Assessment

Assessment takes place continuously in every classroom within a process known as formative assessment. Teachers observe and talk to children and look at their written work to build up a picture of where each child is in their learning. Assessment tasks are planned and built into day to day learning activities.

From this, teachers help children to see how they can improve and what they need to practise. Self and peer assessment are important parts of this - pupils assess their own learning and help each other to improve.

Within the area of assessment, pupils' learning progress is also measured using standardised assessments which allow the school to develop diagnostic profiles of pupils' strengths and development needs. These assessments also allow comparisons with national levels of attainment. Currently, Scottish National Standardised Assessments (a series of computer-based adaptive tasks) are used to support teachers' judgements of progress in P1, P4 and P7.

The progress of every pupil is tracked throughout their school career. Individual Folios of work, learning journals and other profiles are started in Primary 1 and built upon throughout each child's school experience. These provide evidence of learning progress and aid reporting to parents/carers.

Reporting to parents

Throughout the year, teachers report to parents in a number of ways relating to the progress of the children. This takes the form of Parents' Evenings, Primary 7 Profiles, formal reports at the end of the school year and also opportunities for further meetings with staff throughout the year if required.

Building the Curriculum 5: a framework for assessment provides guidance around the assessment framework –

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/BtC5Framework_tcm4-653230.pdf

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Information about Curriculum for Excellence levels and how progress is assessed <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/thecurriculum/howisprogressassessed/stages/index.asp>

Information on recognising achievement, reporting and profiling – <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningteachingandassessment/assessment/achievement/index.asp>

Transition to Primary 1

Whether your child is transferring from nursery to Primary 1 or from Primary 7 to secondary school or indeed transferring stage through school they will be entitled to support during this process. School staff make every effort to ensure that important information about your child, their learning and progress and any additional support they require is communicated to the teacher at the next stage of learning.

The school encourages parents to discuss these changes and the senior management team will be happy to meet with you to allay any concerns you may have over the new arrangements for your child.

Transfer to secondary school

When your child is due to leave the school at the end of Primary 7, he/she will be allocated a place at their catchment school. The move from primary to secondary school can be a daunting step for pupils and parents. To make this time in the pupils' school career more comfortable, we work closely with secondary schools to provide a range of transitional activities throughout Primary 7. These include Primary School visits from secondary school staff and also a 2 day visit to the secondary school where pupils follow a secondary school timetable. Around this time, secondary staff meet with the Primary 7 teachers to discuss the needs of the children.

Section 7: Support for Pupils

Most children make satisfactory progress in school and their education can be fully supported by their class teacher. Some children may, however, need additional support to help them access learning in the classroom. Assessment and planning for their needs will be done through a Child's Plan which identifies their strengths, barriers to learning and what action or support required to meet their additional needs. A very small number of children with significant and long-term additional support needs may meet the criteria for a Co-ordinated Support Plan. These will be children who receive a lot of support from people outside education; for example, from health and social work staff.

Support for learning takes place in every class and is the responsibility of all staff in the school. All of our pupils are encouraged to work to the highest level of their ability and extra help is available for children who may require it to help them achieve their potential. The Head Teacher, teachers and other staff work closely to ensure that children and young people's individual learning needs are met.

Support may be given within the class or within another setting, and may be within a group although it is always based upon the needs of the individual child.

The procedures and processes by which an individual child's needs are identified and addressed are set out in Dundee City Education Department's policy on Supporting Learners. Central to this is the assessment of need using a staged intervention model and the involvement of parents. We also maintain very valuable partnerships within education and with agencies beyond to support pupils who have additional needs of any kind.

To help assess the specific needs of any pupil who may require extra help the school is able to call upon the services an Educational Psychologist from Dundee Educational Psychology Service. Before such a step is taken, parents are always contacted and the reason for such a referral is fully explained and parental co-operation sought.

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As a parent/carer you can access a wide range of information with regard to additional support needs. The information is available both at your local school and on the Dundee City Council website on this internet page <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/education/support/>

The following are available for you at the above internet page.

- Assessing Additional Support Needs
- Attending Pupil Support Planning Meetings
- Co-ordinated Support Plan
- Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Resolution Referral Form
- Mediation - Parent to Parent leaflet
- Supporting Learning (Dundee City Council Education Department, Support for Learning Policy)
- Supporting Learning in Dundee

This internet page also has many other leaflets on related topics which might be of interest to you.

If you cannot access the internet, please ask the School Office if you would like a copy of any of these documents.

The Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended by the 2009 Act came into force on 15 November 2010. The recommendations of the Children and Young People's Act (2014), in particular the Child's Plan and the responsibility of the Named Person, also affects how we assess and plan for all children and young people.

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Information on additional support needs is also available to you from outside Dundee City Council:

Enquire - The Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning

Operated by Children in Scotland, Enquire offers independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

a telephone helpline - 0845 123 2303

an email enquiry service - info@enquire.org.uk

an online enquiry service

two websites - www.enquire.org.uk (for parents/carers and practitioners) and www.enquire.org.uk/yp (for children and young people)

Enquire also provide a range of clear and easy-to-read guides and fact sheets explaining everything from 'additional support in the early years' to 'what planning should take place for moving on from school'.

Let's Talk ASN

Let's Talk ASN is a free service for the parents of children with additional support needs who may require support in relation to a dispute or potential dispute with an education authority. It is a joint initiative of Govan Law Centre (Charity No. SC030193) and Kindred Advocacy (Charity No. SC000264). It provides support for parents and young people from the time they have grounds to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland (ASNTS).

Advice and information regarding this service can be obtained by email or phone-call:

letstalkasn@edlaw.org.uk 0141 445 1955

Scottish Child Law Centre

The Scottish Child Law Centre is a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SCO12741." It offers advice and support for families in regard of additional support needs.

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The Scottish Government website's Additional Support for Learning page also provides links to relevant legislation and guidance, including the arrangements that should be in place to support pupils with additional support needs: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/welfare/ASL>

The 'Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice (Revised edition)' - provides Statutory guidance relating to the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/04/04090720/21>

'Getting It Right For Every Child and Young Person', is essential reading for anyone involved or working with children and young people, including practitioners working in adult services with parents and carers. Find it at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright>

'Supporting Learners - guidance on the identification, planning and provision of support' is at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/supportinglearners/>

Section 8: School Improvement

In St Joseph's RC Primary School we are committed to building a successful model for continuous school improvement. In order to achieve this, we continually seek and take into consideration the views of all stakeholders including our pupils, staff, parents/carers and partner agencies which, together with guidance at National and Authority levels, form our School Improvement Plan.

Our school was inspected by HMIE in October 2019. Details of our inspection report can be found at the following link –

<https://education.gov.scot>

Section 9: Extra Curricular Activities

Throughout the week members of staff currently offer the following clubs to children:

Football

Basketball

Netball

Lego

Homework Club

Rosary Group

Prayer Group

Mini Vinnies

Dance

After School Club

Breakfast Club

Choir

Games Club

Arts and Crafts Club

Our pupils participate in many non-academic events throughout each school session. It is a positive school decision to include pupils in as many events as possible in order to give them opportunities to represent the school and identify within their local community and beyond. These are just some examples of the activities and events which our pupils were involved in during the year:

Safe Taysiders

Christmas Fayre

Basketball Festival

Rugby Festival

Career's Day

Seasonal Toast Cafes

School Nativity

P7 residential experience

Football Leagues

Section 10: ScotXed Education Statistics Privacy Notice for Pupil and Teacher Data

These notices are intended to provide information to pupils, teachers and parents about data collected through Scottish Government Statistical Surveys including why it is needed, data policy and individuals' data protection rights. The changes in the latest version are intended to:

- Clarify that the information collected is about pupils/teachers in schools rather than solely related to the Pupil or Teacher Census.
- Continue to inform pupils, teachers and parents that the data may be shared with partners for statistics and research purposes and clarify that this could include linkage to other sources in line with the National Data Linkage Guiding Principles.
- Confirm that pupil/teacher names and address (other than postcode) are never collected.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring pupils, teachers and parents are kept informed about how data will be used and that such information provided is reviewed regularly to ensure it is in line with best practice.

You can access the updated notices at the following links:

- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Pupils – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/SchoolPupilCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertpupils>
- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Teachers – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/StaffCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertstaff>

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