



OUR SCHOOL MOTTO IS:

Growing in Faith and Knowledge

OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St Joseph's Preparatory School is a Catholic School, which was founded by the Christian Brothers and is a place where the staff and governors work to bring the Gospel values into all areas of School life and where prayer, worship and liturgy are seen as meaningful experiences.

Each child is encouraged to strive for the highest possible standards of work and behaviour, whilst learning to live as a well-mannered, self-disciplined and tolerant individual both inside and outside the classroom. The children learn to live as happy and caring members of a School community, which values their unique individual talents, and also the needs of others.

St Joseph's Preparatory School values and nurtures a close partnership with parents and encourages the forming of meaningful links with the wider community. The children are encouraged to take part in extra curricular activities in order to develop an interest in sporting, cultural and recreational activities.

St Joseph's Preparatory School recognises its legal duty to work with Local Safeguarding Children's Board acting on behalf of children in need or enquiring into allegations of abuse.

We recognise that pupils have a fundamental right to be protected from harm and require a secure environment in order to learn effectively.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School's Safeguarding Children Policy follows the guidelines laid down by the City of Stoke on Trent Safeguarding Children's Procedures and "Working Together to Safeguard Children".

Our motto 'Growing in Faith and Knowledge' encapsulates the School's Aims:

- To provide a caring, Christian community, in which individuals can develop fully.
- To strive for excellence in all areas – academic, sporting, musical etc.
- To provide an ethos which brings the Gospel message alive.
- To develop strong community links.
- St. Joseph's Preparatory School has achieved International School Status and is an Eco School.
- We are a Dyslexia Friendly School.

St Joseph's Preparatory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

School Closure Policy

Co-ordinator: Mrs S D Hutchinson

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In the event of the school having to close due to adverse weather conditions or emergency, for example, heating breakdown, the following action will be taken: As soon as the Headteacher is informed, the Headteacher will endeavour to contact the two local radio stations (BBC Radio Stoke and Signal One) and ask for an announcement to be made as soon as possible. The Headteacher will then put the school's 'Snowline' into action. The school secretary will contact each parent via 'Parent Mail'.

Parents are asked to check their messages, check the schools website www.stjosephsprepschool.co.uk and listen to the radio especially if the weather is inclement. Parents are asked to use Rookery Lane entrance to the school and to **ensure the school is open** before dropping off their child / children. All teaching staff have journeys to make and may not have made it into school.