



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Welcome back to school**

A warm welcome back to St Joseph's school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead. A special welcome to all of our new pupils and parents of our school; I hope you will be very happy here. I am thrilled to share our vision, values, and aims so we can support the children together to help them to be the best versions of themselves.

Over the last week we have looked at the Story 'We all Belong' and discussed how important it is to celebrate everyone's similarities and differences. We have discussed the fact that everyone at our school is a valued and important member of our St Joseph's family.

### **Our Vision**

At St Joseph's we provide a safe, happy, nurturing and inclusive learning environment. We are dedicated to supporting all pupils to become the best versions of themselves through inspiring a love of God and a love of learning. We support all pupils to have high expectations of themselves and respect for one another by delivering a diverse and enriched curriculum whilst also providing a variety of opportunities outside of the classroom. We build strong partnerships with parents, carers, our Parish priest and the local community. The work that we do helps to unlock the potential that lies within each and every child in our school, preparing them for a bright, happy and successful future.

### **Our Values**

Our core values are central to everything we do at St Joseph's. They are:

- **Aspiration**
- **Community**
- **Faith**
- **Compassion**
- **Respect**

### **School Aims**

This year, we will focus on the following key aims:

- Develop pupils understanding of prayer, worship and liturgy and enhance the development, understanding and appreciation of all faiths within our school community
- Ensure all pupils feel happy, safe and included whilst also feeling engaged and excited by their learning experiences
- Develop pupils understanding of our school values and encourage children to 'Live the values' in all aspects of their lives



- To raise standards by promoting high expectations, self-belief and a love of learning
- Enable children to develop positive attitudes, become independent learners and believe in themselves
- Provide a diverse, enriched and inclusive curriculum which is purposeful and provides equal opportunities for all
- Promote interest and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum within lessons and beyond the classroom
- Prepare children to become responsible members of our community
- Build strong partnerships within our school, Parish Church and wider community

### **Key Dates for Your Diary**

We will keep you updated with events through our school newsletter and website. Please make sure to check these regularly for the latest information.

### **Communication and Support**

Open communication between home and school is vital for your child's success. We encourage you to stay engaged with us, attend school events, and reach out with any questions or concerns. Our dedicated staff are here to support you and ensure a positive and productive year for your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and achievements.

Warmest regards,

**Miss S Long**  
**Headteacher**