



ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



2026-2028 PROSPECTUS

Every child can benefit from a Catholic education



Proud to be part of the
NICHOLAS POSTGATE
Catholic Academy Trust

Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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ST JOSEPH'S

PRIMARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

MAIN ENTRANCE







WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

'A small school with a big heart' is not only how inspectors have described our school but is the embodiment of everything that makes St Joseph's special. You are most welcome to come and visit us anytime.

Welcome to St Joseph's, an extraordinary place for children to come and learn. Every child has the right to grow and here we enable this to become a reality through a caring, loving and compassionate school community. With a team of dedicated and hardworking staff we aim to develop the individual skills and talents of every child so that they are well prepared for the next stage of their education. Our care for each individual child is something we are rightly proud of and something that makes our small school unique.



Forming lives ready to face the future

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust welcomes you to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is a family of 38 schools where learning takes place in communities inspired by Christ. We celebrate the individuality of each school within our Trust and our Catholic and Christian values form the foundation of our identity and purpose. Rooted in our ethos, our vision is for every pupil to leave us empowered to use their unique, God-given talents to make a positive and lasting impact on the world. All our schools promote the dignity, self-esteem and full development of each person and are places of inclusivity and respect for all. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are already part of our community, you will be met with a warm and genuine welcome.



VISION OF THE SCHOOL

At St Joseph's, it is our aim for children to enjoy learning in an environment that is safe and secure. All children should be able to use their gifts and talents to develop their skills and be aware of the needs of others in a caring atmosphere of love.

Our vision is to educate children in the spirit of the Gospel values and the traditions of the Catholic Church, nurturing the talents and potential of each individual.

We embrace our core Catholic values, we are gentle, we are forgiving, we tell the truth, we treat each other with dignity and we serve each other.

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning.
These three values are at the very heart
of what makes St Joseph's unique.



STARTING SCHOOL

At St Joseph's children can start school as soon as they turn 2 and join our Little Joey's provision.

Following this we have a 26 place nursery for children who turn 3. We offer full 30 hour childcare for children who are 3. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Statutory school age is when a child starts the main school in the academic year that they turn 5 and this is when children attend our amazing reception class.





ADMISSIONS

Our published admission number is 30.

Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St Joseph's we aim to make this a happy experience for everyone. Children can start school in our reception class in the September of the academic year in which they will be 5 years old.

If your child is not already attending our school nursery, they will be invited to spend some informal sessions with their new teacher and other children from the class in the summer term in order to familiarise themselves with the school environment. An information evening for our new reception class parents and carers is also held in the summer term. The Board of Directors is the admission authority and is responsible for determining the academy's admission policy.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If you would like a place for your child to attend our wonderful school then please get in touch either by phoning the school office on **01287 640613** or by emailing the school at enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

LOCAL AUTHORITY - REDCAR & CLEVELAND ADMISSIONS

Academies are their own admission authority and as such we determine our own admission policy. However, Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority co-ordinate the admission arrangements for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. More information can be found on the local authority website. [HERE](#)

SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

[DOWNLOAD](#)

MID YEAR ADMISSIONS

Any mid year admissions will be dealt with as and when they arise. If we have space for your child we will try and start them as soon as is logistically possible. Our school is so welcoming that all mid year admissions are dealt with sensitively and within days children feel at home.



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum offer is a rich and varied one. All our curriculum is underpinned by core values of love, joy, peace, forgiveness, reconciliation, justice and respect.

These are at the heart of our curriculum and enable our children to thrive. We plan opportunities throughout the school to enhance children's learning experiences and to help them develop into confident and responsible young people. Rather than subjects driving the curriculum, it is the needs of children that have determined the emphasis. It is important that children learn what is in the statutory curriculum, but we know that children need much more than this. The curriculum is founded by evidence led practice with an ambition for excellence.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage is designed so that every single child can build a solid foundation and develop the skills and knowledge needed to be ready for their next stage in education.

At St Joseph's, we ensure that the four guiding principles of the EYFS are fully embedded. These are:

- A unique child.
- Positive relationships.
- Enabling environments with teaching and support from adults.
- Learning and development.

Children will leave our Foundation Stage (Little Joey's, nursery and reception) ready for the demands of the national curriculum.



KS1

As children move into Key Stage 1 the curriculum changes to a slightly more traditional format where each subject is taught individually. The subjects taught are the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and RE as well as DT, Art, Music, History, Computing, Geography and PE.

KS2

We teach at St Joseph's with our children's best interests at the heart of every decision. In the main our children are independent, inquisitive and thoughtful workers. We use a research based scheme of work as a base curriculum for RE, English, Science, Maths, History, Geography, DT, MFL(French), Music, Computing, PE and Art. which is:

- CONNECTED
- CUMULATIVE
- COHERENT

Our curriculum is underpinned by evidence, research and cognitive science. Modules are deliberately sequenced for robust progression and allows teachers to focus on the lesson.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a strong commitment to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils. The school vision and values, put together by all the staff, supports spiritual, moral, social and cultural characteristics in all pupils.

For further curriculum information please see the curriculum tab on the website, or contact enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk



SCHOOL DAY

NURSERY SESSION TIMES

Morning session | 8:35am – 11:35am

Afternoon session | 12:15pm – 3:15pm

SCHOOL DAY FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Morning Registration | 8:45am

Morning Break | 10:15am

Lunchtime | 12:15pm

Afternoon Registration | 1:05pm

End of School Day | 3:15pm

WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 7:30am for children aged 3 and over. Breakfast includes toast, bagels, cereal, fruit and fruit juice. Children enjoy playing a variety of games, building models and other activities. Once the school day commences, children are escorted to their classes. Starting in September 2025 we are delighted to have started a brand new after school childcare provision. This is to help families who need

children to be looked after until 5.45pm each school day.

If this is a service you would be interested to use please contact the school on 01287 640613.

After School Clubs

At St Joseph's we offer a diverse range of after school clubs for children from reception to Year 6. These clubs change on a half termly basis and run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

30 Hours Childcare

We are pleased to announce we are now offering 30 hours childcare to those eligible. Eligibility is available for parents on the HMRC 30 hour childcare website. If you qualify you will be given a validation code which you will need to bring into school. Each child that qualifies can have up to 30 hours per week childcare.



ATTENDANCE

We recognise that high levels of school attendance are significant to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential.

It is an assumption so widely understood but insufficiently stated that children and young people need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.

PE

At St Joseph's we actively encourage our children to take part in a different range of sports.

This enables the children to take part in teams, work as individuals and aim to reach their full potential through a variety of sporting and extended school activities.

We have had teams represent our school in a variety of sports, such as football, cross country, hockey and dance

and the children have always made St Joseph's proud with their commitment and positive attitude to sport.

At St Joseph's we have a group of dedicated and enthusiastic sports leaders. These children regularly work together to plan and deliver a variety of lunchtime sport and fitness opportunities and they work hard to instil the sporting ethos they chose as a group, the acronym LIGHT.

Laugh | Inspire | Guide | Hope | Thrive

PE Kit

- Bottle green shorts
- Yellow t-shirt
- Black plimsolls (indoor)
- Black trainers (outdoor)
- When colder, plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms and top should be worn for outdoor sessions along with yellow t-shirts and trainers. Branded sportswear is not part of school uniform.



UNIFORM

What a child wears to school reflects their attitudes to learning.

It portrays the school ethos and shared positive values. At St Joseph's we take pride in our school uniform. Our uniform is supplied by Lollipops from Middlesbrough who deliver to school. Orders must be placed with Lollipops directly on 01642 225827.

Foundation Stage (nursery and reception)

- Grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Gold polo shirt with logo
- Bottle green sweatshirt/sweat cardigan
- Girls – Black/grey/bottle green tights or white socks
- Boys – Dark socks
- Black shoes (trainers should not be worn)

Summer (if desired)

- Girls – green school dresses
- Boys – grey shorts, gold polo shirts with logo
- Bottle green sweatshirt/sweat cardigan
- Girls – Black/grey/bottle green tights or white socks
- Boys – Dark socks
- Black shoes/suitable sandals (trainers should not be worn)

KSI/KS2 (YEAR 1-6)

Girls

- Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore
- White shirt
- School tie
- Bottle green knitted jumper/cardigan with yellow stripes
- Black/grey/bottle green tights, grey/white socks
- Black school shoes (trainers should not be worn)
- Black boots (no heels or Ugg style)

Boys

- Grey trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Bottle green knitted jumper with yellow stripes
- Dark socks
- Black shoes (trainers should not be worn)

Summer Term/September (if desired)

Girls

- Green school dresses
- Grey skirt/shorts/trousers
- Bottle green polo shirt with logo
- Black shoes (trainers should not be worn)

Boys

- Grey shorts/trousers
- Bottle green polo shirt with logo
- Black shoes (trainers should not be worn)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MINIBUS

The school has two minibuses that are used to transport children to and from school each day. They are very popular and if this is a service you require please let the school know.

OUR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We enhance teaching and learning by offering lots of opportunities to develop the 'whole' child.

St Joseph's provides opportunities for children to develop independence and resilience by taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities and residential.

They are given the opportunity to find out about how our country is governed and to visit places of national significance through our Key Stage 2 visits to London and Edinburgh.

Children learn to swim and take part in a number of competitive sporting events.

Visits to the theatre and theatre group visits into school allow the children to have first-hand experience of dramatic arts.

We have artists, musicians, historians and authors visit school to enhance provision and raise aspirations. Through termly curriculum enrichment days, children are given the opportunity to work with their peers as well as children from other classes. Last year's 'Art Day' was a real success!

We believe that our curriculum offers children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of experiences and in doing so, offers all children the opportunity to share and develop their own, God given talents.



PUPIL OFFER

St Joseph's is part of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. This is a family of 38 schools, including two sixth forms and a football academy.

The Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT) is committed to providing a comprehensive and enriching educational experience for its pupils. The Trust's pupil offer encompasses several key areas:

Academic Excellence

NPCAT emphasises high academic standards, aiming to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential. Every NPCAT school delivers a rich and ambitious curriculum that ensures all pupils receive the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life. The school curriculum provides a range of experiences and opportunities to develop our pupils' spiritual, emotional, social and physical development.

Spiritual and Moral Development

Rooted in its Catholic identity, the Trust focuses on the spiritual and moral growth of pupils. This is achieved through

various programmes and activities that encourage pupils to explore and deepen their faith, fostering a sense of community and ethical responsibility.

All of our schools are communities of faith, service, prayer and worship. Within our schools we have a culture of tolerance, where people of diverse identities are recognised, welcomed, respected and cherished.

We seek to ensure that every pupil and their families feel a true sense of belonging and are welcomed and accepted in their school community.

Inclusive Learning Environment

NPCAT is dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where every child can thrive.

Enrichment

Beyond the classroom, our schools provide a range of extracurricular activities, including sports, arts and cultural programmes, to promote character development and encourage pupils to explore their interests and talents.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office on **01287 640613**.

Children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are all eligible for universal free school meals but please still let us know if you think you may be able to get free school meals as the school receives additional funding for these children.

We have a wide range of choices available and these are available on a three week rolling programme. All of our meals are freshly prepared each day by our kitchen staff.

Over the course of the year parents are invited into school to have their lunch alongside their children. Parents can sample the menu and get to see the range of choices available.

Check the school website for the latest menus.

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IN LOVE AND IN LEARNING.



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