

ST. JOSEPH'S PARK HILL



SINE FINIBUS

St. Joseph's
PARK HILL SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

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VALUES, AIMS and VISION

MISSION STATEMENT

We prepare our children for the challenges of the future in a nurturing and stimulating environment built on Catholic foundations.

VALUES

At St Joseph's Park Hill we value the unique individuality of every child and every child is valued and recognised as a child of God.

Following the example of our Foundress Catherine McAuley, we place great importance on the need for tolerance and understanding and concern for others.

We teach our children to follow the example of St Joseph whose values are humility, gentleness and patience.

We value respect and we teach our pupils the importance of having respect for their parents, for their teachers, for each other, for God's creation and for themselves.

We have a strong belief in the traditional values of hard work, courtesy and good behaviour.

We value friendship and forgiveness and our children are taught to "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

AIMS

We aim to provide the highest quality of teaching and learning for all our children.

We aim to provide an environment where children are respectful to each other, to the staff and to themselves.

We aim to provide opportunities for our children to develop spiritually, acquiring an appreciation of their own and others faiths, cultures and beliefs.

We aim to provide an environment where our children are happy and feel safe from bullying and discrimination.

We aim to provide a happy, caring environment where success is celebrated and hard work rewarded.

We aim to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary for our children to enter the next phase of their education with confidence and motivation.

We aim to encourage our children to be aware of the needs of others in this country and around the world.

We aim to provide an environment where children are free to express themselves and to want to learn.

We aim to build an inclusive community where all are valued.

VISION

At St Joseph's Park Hill our vision is that each precious child that comes to us will be taught values which will ensure that when they leave us:

they are respectful of others, acknowledging that the world is a diverse place, created by God

they are motivated to learn and have the confidence to believe that they can achieve anything if they work hard and believe in themselves

they have the essential skills to take their place in an ever changing world

they are enthusiastic and hopeful about their future

they have the values that lead them to ask not "What do I want to be when I grow up?" but "What kind of person do I want to be when I grow up?"



Headteacher's Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to our school.

St Joseph's Park Hill offers an outstanding education to children from the age of 3 to 11 years.

We are a Roman Catholic School owned by the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, and our Christian ethos is simple and tangible. The school is a happy, vibrant and positive environment where children are safe, nurtured and loved. The children are taught to "Love One Another" and that each of them is unique and loved by God.

Learning opportunities at Park Hill are broad, balanced and exciting. We promote academic success and believe wholeheartedly in the education of the whole child. We encourage hard work and value effort. Our school motto is SINE FINIBUS (Without limits) and we teach your child that they can achieve anything if they work hard and want to succeed.

Your child will be nurtured and taught by a dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff who will inspire them to aim for excellence whilst developing a growth mindset. We seek, through our bespoke curriculum and varied extra-curricular clubs, to allow our pupils to have opportunities to develop as all-rounders, and foster in them a lifelong love of learning.

Our pupils are our best ambassadors and they talk with joy and pride about our school. When you step through our doors, you will be met by the warmth, happiness, care and kindness that resonates in our school family.

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions that you will make for your child. Choosing Park Hill means that you have chosen to give your child the best possible start in life.

I very much look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming years.

Mrs Maria Whitehead

Information for Parents

The information in this booklet will answer most of your questions, but if there is anything you are not clear about, please feel free to contact the office and hopefully we will be able to answer your queries.

UNIFORM

Children should be in full school uniform at all times.

Our uniform is only available from Gray's in Blackburn apart from pre-school uniform and bags which are available from school. A full list is attached to this booklet. All uniform and belongings should be clearly marked with your child's name. Sew-in labels are the most suitable and can be purchased from Gray's.

THE SCHOOL DAY

Lessons begin at 8:30am.

Your child will be greeted at the front door from 8.25am. The door is closed at 8.35. If your child arrives after 8.35 they will be marked as late in the register.

(NB: If your child is left on the playground before 8.25 then they will be taken to Morning Club and you will be charged – see below)

If your child is in Reception Class you may accompany them to the front door where they will be greeted by a member of staff.

If your child is in Pre-school you must wait on the front yard where you will be greeted by a member of the Early Years team. In the afternoon please also wait on the front yard and the children will be brought out to parents/carers.

School ends at 3.30 pm.

All children are brought out onto the front yard at the end of the day by their teacher. Teachers will dismiss them to parents/ carers. Reception children will come down the ramp and will be handed over directly to parents/ carers.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

If your child is attending an Extra-Curricular Club please wait on the front yard until the club is over. A member of staff will hand your child over to you.

Costs for morning Club and After School Club are detailed below.

Morning Club

Morning Club is available from 7:30am-8.30am in the dining room. Your child will be offered breakfast.

After School Club

After School Club is available from 3.30pm – 5.30pm and is run by our own school staff. Your child will be able to attend ASC on a regular or ad-hoc basis. Collection

from the dining room please (access via the steps to the right of the main school entrance).

Holidays

You are expected to take holidays outside of term time only. If this is not possible you must complete an absence request form in advance and hand it to the Headteacher.

Absences

Please inform the school before 9.15 am if your child is going to be absent for any reason. If we have not heard from you by 9.30 we will phone you to see where your child is.

Please inform school if your child has a hospital, doctor's or dentist's appointment in advance of the appointment.

Illness

Your child should **not** be in school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea in the last 48 hours.

If your child has a heavy cold or sore throat you should keep them at home to prevent the spread of germs.

If your child has a high temperature and feels generally unwell they should stay at home until they feel better and they no longer have a temperature.

If your child is not well enough to go out at playtimes or take part in Games (including swimming) and /or PE lessons then they should not be in school. (Broken limbs are the exception, and special cases must be discussed with the Headteacher.)

Please inform us if your child has headlice.

If your child feels unwell during the school day, they will be observed by the staff and we will inform you at the end of the school day.

If your child is sick, develops a rash, has diarrhoea or the staff feel it is appropriate for any other reason, you will be contacted and asked to make arrangements for your child to be collected.

If your child bangs his/her head during the day we will inform you by phone or Parentmail (depending on the severity). If we agree that your child is well enough to stay in school, an accident form will be completed and your child will be given a 'bumped head' sticker to wear so that all staff are aware that your child has had a bump to the head and should be monitored. Otherwise you will be asked to make arrangements for your child to be collected.

Medicines

If your child needs to take prescribed medicine during school hours, please contact the school office. All medicine must be clearly labelled by the doctor/pharmacist

with your child's name and correct dosage. The medication must be handed to the office (*with the exception of inhalers – see below*) along with a completed administration request form (available from the website). We have qualified First Aiders in school who can administer prescribed medication.

Inhalers

If your child suffers from asthma you are required to fill in an Asthma Management Form. This form is usually sent out to you at the beginning of each school year and you should inform school if there are any changes during the year. On the form you should detail signs to look for and instructions for the administration of your child's inhaler.

Your child's inhaler is kept in your child's classroom and taken with them for PE, games and out of school activities. Staff record each time your child's inhaler has been administered.

Allergies

If your child suffers from allergies or food intolerances please inform us immediately.

Accident and Emergencies

We send out Contact Forms at the start of each new academic year. Please ensure that these are returned swiftly. If you change contact numbers you **must** inform school so that you (or another relative) can be informed if your child is ill or involved in an accident at school. Please let us know of any change of address or personal circumstances.

Money

All monies should be clearly labelled with the child's name, amount, and purpose. When possible, all monies should be paid into the school bank account.

Travel

We will ask for and obtain your written permission before your child can take part in an out of school activity.

Lunches and snacks

We provide a hot healthy lunch each day. Halal and vegetarian options are available daily. Your child may opt out of school lunches but only with good reason. If your child brings a packed lunch please note that fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed. We are a nut free school, please do not include nuts or products containing nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Children may bring fruit for morning break. A bottle of water, provided by school and labelled with your child's name should be in school at all times. The water fountain is available in school for them to fill up their bottle.

House System

Our school operates a House system. There are four houses: St George, St David, St Andrew and St Patrick. From Reception each child is allocated a house. Children are rewarded House points for good work and behaviour. These are added up and a trophy is given to the winning house each week in assembly.

Headteacher's Awards

A child from each class is awarded a Headteacher's Award each week for hard work in class. This is decided by the class teacher and presented at Friday's Family Assembly.

Star of the Week

A child from each class is awarded Star of the Week for showing our school values. These are nominated by their classmates and presented at Monday's Assembly.

Miscellaneous

Please do not approach a child in the school without a parent's and/or teacher's permission.

All visitors to the school, including parents, MUST report to the office. Mobile phones should not be used in the school building for Child Protection reasons.

Teachers see parents on a regular basis to discuss their child's progress. However, if parents would like to speak to the teachers at other times please contact the office to make a mutually convenient appointment.

The Headteacher will be pleased to see parents about any matter they wish to discuss. An appointment is usually advisable.

Dogs should not be brought onto the playground or field.

Fees and Extra Charges

September 2024 to July 2025

School fees

Annual fees	£8457.75
Termly payments	£2819.25
Monthly payments	£704.82
Lunch (per annum)	£647.52

Pre-school fees

Day rate	8:30 until 3:30pm	£49 /day
Morning rate	8:30 until 12:30pm	£29 /day
Afternoon rate (no lunch option)	12:30pm until 3:30pm	£26 /day
Lunch		£2.75 /day

The Pre-school offer the Universal 15 hours and the Extended 15 hours for eligible children, please speak to the School Business Manager for further information.

Fees are paid by Standing Order and paid directly into the school's bank account, no cash payments for fees will be accepted. Termly payments are due in the first week of term. Monthly payments commence in August and continue to July.

The fees are set by the Governors and advised in the Spring term of any changes for the following September. Invoices will be issued in June for the upcoming academic year.

Any alterations in arrangements for paying fees must be discussed with the School Business Manager in advance.

As the School is a charitable trust, any profits are invested in improving the resources and facilities offered by the School.

In light of recent advice under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Terrorism Act 2000, Money Laundering Regulations, the School reserves the right to decline cash payments for school fees.

The charge for school dinners is £215.84 per term. This is added to the fees and paid either monthly by standing order, or termly in advance.

English Speaking Board / Vanguard examination fee
(Key Stage 2 only) £32 – £33

Swimming (years 3 to 6) £5.90 per week (invoiced annually)

Optional musical tuition (juniors only) (invoiced annually)
Violin £8.00 per week
Brass tuition £8.00 per week
Guitar tuition £8.00 per week
Drums tuition £10.00 per week

Morning Club and After School Club (invoiced monthly)
Mornings (7.30am – 8.30 am) £5.35 per session
Mornings (8.00am – 8.30 am) £4.25 per session

Afternoons to 4.30 pm £5.35 per session
Afternoons to 5.30 pm £10.70 per session
Afternoons 1 hour £5.35 per hour

Religious Education

We are a Roman Catholic School founded by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy and we are happy to welcome children of all faiths. We encourage and celebrate diversity and children explore different cultures and religions within the curriculum. All children are encouraged to speak about their beliefs and customs and children are taught to respect everyone.

As a Catholic School our worship is based on Catholic doctrine. We follow the Salford Diocese Scheme of Work: Come and See.

Prayers are said in class every day and all children attend two weekly whole school assemblies which have a religious theme, a story from the Bible, prayers and a hymn. RE is taught in discreet timetabled lessons. Special Feast Days, Holy Days and Liturgical Seasons are celebrated.

All children are expected to join in prayers and acts of worship respectfully.

Sacramental Programme

If your child is Roman Catholic and you wish them to receive the Sacraments, you must contact your Parish Priest and the Person responsible for the Programme in your Parish School. Parents are encouraged to support the programme by attending meetings within the Parish.

If you require any further information or support, please contact Mrs Whitehead.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We run a number of Extra- Curricular Clubs. The clubs will change from year to year and sometimes from term to term. They may include:

- Games Club
- Art Club
- Performing Arts Club
- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Netball

Clubs are usually age / year group specific.

Teachers run some of the clubs. Others are run by outside providers. Clubs run by outside providers attract a charge. Clubs run by staff are free, however we request a £1 donation each week for PTA funds.

Children are informed of the clubs on offer at the beginning of each term and forms are given out for parents to sign.

Clubs begin at 3.30 and end at 4.30 p.m, unless stated otherwise.

Children may go to After School Club after Clubs.

Summer School

Summer School is available for two weeks during the summer holidays and is run by school staff. Summer School is available for children from Pre-school to Year 6.

The day begins at 8.30am and finishes at 5.00pm.

Activities include sports, games, art and crafts, cookery, and projects.

Snacks are provided. Children bring their own packed lunch.

Pre-booking is essential and booking forms are sent out in the summer term.

£30.00 per day	(£25.00 2 nd / 3 rd child)
£140.00 per week	(£125.00 2 nd / 3 rd child)

(Prices correct for Summer 2024)

Sports

Here at St Joseph's Park Hill, we recognise the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle for our children.

We are committed to a curriculum which places high importance on Games, PE and Sport.

Our school is part of the BSSP (Burnley Schools Sports Partnership) and your child will be given the opportunity to take part in a huge variety of sports, fixtures and competitions both internally, at regional level, county level and even nationally. Specialist coaches assist our sports staff in developing your child's skills whilst encouraging your child's enthusiasm and participation.

All children will have a weekly dance lesson with a specialist dance teacher. (Pre-school for those attending Wednesday afternoon sessions – additional costs apply)
All pupils in the juniors (year 3 to 6) will have a weekly swimming lesson (invoiced annually) at Padiham Pool.

We take part in a number of ISA (Independent Schools Association) competitions and tournaments.

Sports Day takes place in the Summer term. This gives the children the opportunity to experience competition as they compete to win first, second, third and fourth place for their House. The House with the most points wins the Sports Day Cup.

Parents are invited to Sports Day.

Each Year a pupil from Year 6 is awarded the Sports Trophy for attitude and commitment in sporting activities.

St. Joseph's PARK HILL School - Uniform List

**All school uniform must be obtained from Gray's,
68 Northgate, Blackburn, BB2 1AA.**

Tel: 01254 51425

Items in italics are obtainable from school only

Please note: All items must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Girls

Winter (November until Easter)

Tartan pleated skirt
White long sleeve blouse with Katie collar
Tartan bow
Navy V-neck cardigan trimmed with royal blue
Navy knee socks or tights
Navy blazer trimmed with royal blue braid
Navy outdoor coat (only available from Grays)
Black shoes, not boots

Summer (Easter until October half term)

As above.
Summer dress (only available from Grays)
Plain white ankle socks

Optional Mac in a Sac (cagoule) is available as part of the Summer uniform

Boys

Winter (November until Easter)

White long sleeve shirt
Grey shorts (from Grays)
School tie
Navy V-neck jumper trimmed with royal blue
Grey knee socks with navy stripe
Navy blazer trimmed with royal blue braid
Navy outdoor coat (only available from Grays)
Black shoes, not boots.

Summer (Easter until October half term)

As above – with white short sleeve shirt and navy ankle socks

Optional Mac in a Sac (cagoule) is available as part of the Summer uniform.

Reception children as above but wear the school polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie, summer dress for girls.

Reception children will also need wellington boots in school at all times.

PE Uniform

School polo shirt (navy and orange)

School shorts (navy and orange)

School skirt (navy and orange)

School tracksuit

Navy football socks – Winter uniform

Black pumps (to be kept in school in PE bag for weekly dance lessons)

White Trainers,

White sports socks – Summer uniform

P.E. bag

Forest School lessons

Years 1 to 6 require a pair of waterproof trousers and a pair of wellies for their weekly Forest School lesson. If possible, these should be left in school in a labelled carrier bag.

Swimming lessons (Years 3 to 6)

Swimming costume / trunks

Swimming hat (for those with long hair)

Goggles (permission letter required)

Towel

All to be brought in a separate waterproof bag (please label all items)

Pre-School (Uniform available from school)

Pre-School cardigan (girls),

Pre-School jumper (boys),

Pre-School polo t-shirt,

School skirt (girls)

School shorts (boys)

Pre-School P E shorts (boys and girls different)

Navy plain socks or tights, grey socks with navy stripe for boys

Navy or black shoes,

Pumps,

Wellingtons

All in one suit (outdoor activities)

Own Coat can be worn.

Summer dress for girls

The following items are available in school and should be school issue only:

School scarf

Hat – Girls: royal blue, Boys: navy

Gloves –royal blue,

Rucksack (Juniors)

Reading folder (Infants and EYFS including pre-school)

Scrunchies and headbands



School Rules

1. Children who arrive at school before 8.25 am must attend Morning Club.
2. Children who are still on the premises after 3.40 pm must attend the After School Club.
3. In the morning, children can enter school after 8.25. They should settle into class quickly and quietly ready for an 8.30 start to lessons.
4. Children should walk quietly along corridors at all times, and in single file on the right when with their class.
5. Children may not remain in or re-enter classrooms before school, at break, lunchtimes or after school when there is no teacher present.
6. Children are not allowed to bring sweets or biscuits (including breakfast biscuits) to school. A **piece of fruit** is allowed at morning break.
7. Children are expected to adhere strictly to the school uniform policy.
8. Mobile phones, electronic devices, toys, collectable cards, and jewellery, i.e. necklaces, rings or bracelets, are not allowed in school. Smart watches are not allowed.
9. Watches may be worn by junior children only, at their own risk, and these must be removed during P.E. lessons. No smart watches allowed.
10. Long hair (shoulder length or longer) girls and boys should be tied back. Hair ribbons and hair bands must be royal or navy, and beads must not be worn in hair. School hairbands and scrunchies are available. Hair should be neatly groomed and should not be too closely shaved (no tramlines or taper fades permitted).
11. Where ears are pierced, only small stud earrings may be worn and these must be removed for PE, Swimming and Games.

What can you Do If Something Goes Wrong?

Things sometimes go wrong for children in school. The following structure helps your child to feel confident that there is always an adult or trusted peer who will help with problems should they arise anywhere in school.

Who can help?

Your teacher
Any teacher
Mrs Whitehead – Headteacher
Mrs Duncan – School Business Manager
Any member of staff
Prefect

If your child thinks they have been treated unjustly they can approach any of the above.

If your child is anxious about speaking to a teacher about a worry / concern, they can ask a Prefect or a friend to accompany them for support.

All concerns will be treated seriously and confidentially.

If your child thinks that their concern has not been dealt with satisfactorily, they should discuss the issue with you. You can then speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher.

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PROCEDURE FOR: CHILD NOT COLLECTED (INCLUDING EYFS)

If a child is not collected by 3.40pm the following procedure is to be carried out.

1. Staff must take the child to the After-School Club
2. If a child is not expecting to be at After-School Club and school has received no communication from parents / carers by 3.45pm, then staff will ring contact numbers in the contact file.
3. If a child is not collected by 5.30pm then emergency numbers will be contacted.
4. If the child has not been collected and the emergency numbers have not been answered by 6.00pm then advice will be sought from CSC (Children's Social Care) by ringing the number below:

Children's Social Care: **0300 1236720 (8.00am – 8.00pm)**

Out of hours Emergency Duty Team: **0300 1236722 (8.00pm – 8.00am)**

Burnley Social Services Office
Adults and Children's Services
Chaddesley House
Manchester Rd
Burnley
BB11 1HW
Tel: 01282 425961 (8.45am – 5.00pm)

List of Policies

The following policies may be found on the school website:

Safeguarding and Child Protection
Behaviour Management
Special Educational Needs and Accessibility Policy
Anti-Bullying
Complaints
Curriculum
Health, Safety and Welfare Policy
Language Policy
Online Safety
Data Privacy

Parents are welcome to see any of the following policies.
Please ask at the office.

Administration

Healthy Eating
Admissions

Curriculum

R.E.
English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
P.E.
Computing
Art
Music
PSHE

Staff
2023 - 2024

Headteacher
School Business
Manager
Receptionist

Mrs Maria Whitehead
Mrs Pauline Duncan

Mrs Elin Kendall

Teaching Staff

Year 6 Teachers

Miss Elizabeth Boardman / Mrs Susana Hannah

Year 5 Teacher

Mrs. Catherine Doney

Year 4 Teacher

Miss Ellena Lomas

Year 3 Teacher

Miss Charlotte Grillo

Year 2 Teacher

Mrs Charlotte Whittaker / Mrs Sandra Barker

Year 1 Teacher

Mr Richard Bailey

Reception Teacher

Miss Charlotte Fidoe / Miss Nimrah Ashraf

Music

Mrs Andrea Goffee

Visiting Teachers

Miss Elizabeth Boardman	Brass
Mr Melvyn Booth	Violin/ Keyboard
Miss Lauren Rosborough	Drum
Mr Steven Webb	Guitar
Miss Yasmin Roberts	Dance
Miss Bethany Whittaker	Drama

EYFS Leader
EYFS Staff

Miss Charlotte Fidoe
Miss Nimrah Ashraf
Mrs Karen Bleasdale
Mrs Claire Taylor
Mrs Rina Teoli-Rush
Mrs Gayle Wilkinson

SENDCo

Mrs Joanne Maudsley

Learning Support
Assistants

Mrs Janice Allott
Mr Luke Davies
Miss Emily Earnshaw
Mrs Amanda Greenall

Mrs Elizabeth Watson
Mrs Joanne Windle

Morning Club
After School Club

Miss Emily Earnshaw
Mrs Elizabeth Watson / Mrs Claire Taylor

Catering Manager

Mrs Jacqueline Kostilek

Kitchen assistant

Mrs Karen Conway

Cleaners

Miss Stephanie McGough
Mrs Georgette Wills

Groundsman

Mr. Ian Whittaker

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