



## St Joseph's RC Primary School

School motto: "*Put Your Heart Into All That You Do*"

St Joseph's RC Primary School is the Roman Catholic School serving an area from Carrickknowe and Forrester Park in the north, to Clovenstone in the south and Balgreen in the east. We have an excellent working partnership with St Augustine's RC High School and the Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh and often work alongside other local religious organisations and other major world faiths in the Midlothian and Edinburgh areas. Our school values:

***Love, Learning, Achievement and our Faith.***

We are proud of our Catholic education and our inclusive approach to learning. Every child and family member is challenged to live out our school motto: *Ex Animo Operamini* – put your heart into all that you do!

St. Joseph's RC Primary School has a reputation in the local and wider community for an excellent ethos, where all children and families are included, where religion, culture and diversity are celebrated. We are an Eco Schools' Scotland Green flag holder, working towards becoming a Right's Respecting School, we promote Fairtrade and last year our Primary 7s were the first children of St. Joseph's to receive the Pope Francis Faith Award from the Scottish Catholic Education Service. We are also the first and only primary school in Edinburgh to achieve the SportScotland Gold Award and the first to be awarded it twice!

Throughout your first experience of our school, prior to enrolment, see if St. Joseph's is an environment whereby your child will thrive in their primary school years. A school community that will present them with the opportunity to become a successful learner, a confident individual, an effective contributor and a responsible citizen. A school community whereby your child will be prepared fully for the challenges of secondary education at St. Augustine's RC High School and beyond and providing the necessary skills for learning, life and work!

We have an outstanding teaching and support staff team working to provide the best possible learning experiences for the pupils of St Joseph's. Presently, we have a 2year old class and a Nursery class, 12 primary classes with 14 class teachers, a Support for Learning Teacher, Miss Hay; Principal Teachers, Mrs Loescher and Mr Wilson; Acting Principal Teacher, Mrs Tunesi, and the Head Teacher, Mr Currie. The children are also supported by two early years' officers, early years practitioners, playground supervisors, pupil support assistants, a pupil support officer, Business Manager, office administrator and a team from Amey, including service support officer, catering and cleaning staff. Each member of staff has a role to play in our team to offer the children the highest quality learning experience in a safe and secure environment.

We value the role parents/carers play in their child's learning and development and work closely with them. This year we have worked with parents/carers to increase the opportunities they have to engage in their child's learning experience and improve partnership working thus enhancing further the excellent ethos of our school. We continue to support our children and families through their Sacramental preparation at P3 and P4 as well as through their individual faith journey and our P1-7 programme, 'This is Our Faith'. The world needs the message of the Gospel as much as the Gospel needs the world. Our Catholic faith is at its very best when it engages with the world! At St. Joseph's, we live and breathe our school values and we put our heart into all that we do!

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