



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Extended Schools Policy

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This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents	Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Lettings Policy SEND Policy
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MISSION STATEMENT

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School strives to promote the education and development of all our children.

Learning through the love of Jesus Christ and empowered by his example, we celebrate our uniqueness and our distinctive gifts.

Growing in our Catholic faith we have high aspirations for all.



Aim high, live and learn with Jesus, everyone welcome



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Introduction

The Extended School programme at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School aims to improve levels of educational achievement and the longer-term life chances of disadvantaged children and young people by providing the necessary additional support, which can enable those children to reach their full potential. The varied activities, offered through the Extended Schools programme, are designed to support learning, promote healthy lifestyles, and raise school standards while engaging the school with the local community and connecting people with local services.

Key Aim

Through the extended school programme, we deliver a consistent expectation that children are safe and healthy, enjoy their school life and achieve their potential whilst making positive contributions within the whole school community. The Extended Schools Programme has a key role to play in children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and endeavours to make life-changing differences to pupils in all aspects of their school and community life.

Provision

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, our extended schools services are made up of five elements.

1. High Quality pre-school and after school childcare

Based on the school site, Breakfast Club run by Pioneer Childcare [with breakfast and varied activities provided] from 7.00am until 8.30am when children are escorted to class. After school provision from 3.15pm -6.30pm is also available to parents/families run by Pioneer Childcare. Both provisions run during term time on all days that the school is open to pupils.

2. Varied range of activities

A varied range of activities are organised and run by both teaching staff, support staff and outside agencies during lunch times and after school. These include, Zumba, Netball, Running, Spanish Dancing, Football, Dance & Cheerleading, Archery, Basketball and Choir. These clubs incur a charge. Financial assistance is available for disadvantaged/ pupil premium pupils.

3. Parenting Support

This includes information sessions for parents at key transition points and other times of the year, family learning sessions, curriculum information sessions. Our 'open door policy' allows for a fully inclusive parent support system that will address any parental need.

4. Access to specialist services

We can advise and support applications to a wide range of specialist support services such as speech therapy, child mental health services and family support services. These services are delivered both on site and in the local community. If your child requires additional support, please contact the SENDCo via the School office.

5. Community Use

The school provides wider community access to school facilities, through our Lettings Policy,

including use of the building and outside learning areas to support both child and adult learning/extra-curricular opportunities.

Impact

As a school we are committed to offering extended services to all our families to positively impact the pupils in our care. All our pupils have the opportunity to experience a range of benefits, including:

- Increased motivation
- Higher attainment levels
- Improved attendance and punctuality
- Greater aspirations and higher levels of achievement and success
- Positive, proactive engagement with the community
- Healthier, happier and more active lifestyles
- Improved community access and developed use of local services
- Positive peer group friendships resulting from community involvement.
- Influence of positive, on-going and lasting community role models
- Increased inclusion of vulnerable groups of children within all areas
- More effective transition both within school and to on-going feeder schools

Safeguarding Children

St Joseph's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. External providers must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the extended provision post/services, including with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service [DBS]. If we have any concerns with regard to safeguarding relating to our children, we have a duty of care to report it to the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Please refer to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.