

St Joseph's Primary School



Child Friendly Child Safe Policy

The Purpose of this Policy

The purpose of this policy is to make sure we the students are safe and feel safe anywhere at school or anywhere with staff.

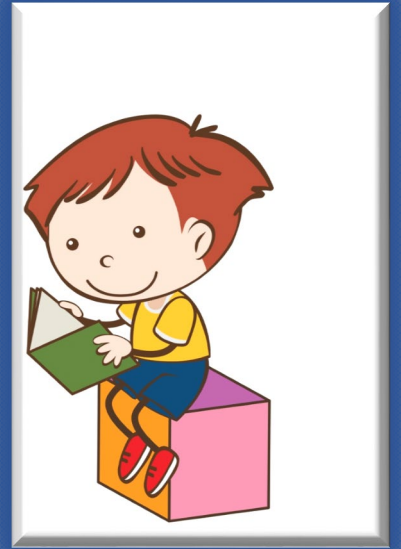


St Joseph's School has a responsibility to protect us and keep us safe.
Our school has a responsibility to ensure the adults we meet are trustworthy and reliable.

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Our school has a responsibility to provide us with safe buildings and equipment.

Our school will teach us how to keep safe and what to do when we feel unsafe or find ourselves in unsafe situations.



Commitment to Child Safety

Our school is committed to keeping you, our students, safe from poor behaviour and abuse.

You all have the right to feel safe and be safe.



At St Joseph's we believe that we all have the right:

- *to be treated with respect*
- *to feel safe and be safe*
- *to learn and teach*
- *to a welcoming and stimulating environment*



Managing Risks

The school keeps us safe by-

- closing the gates and monitoring all access through the school office
- ensuring teachers on yard duty wear bright vests
- having children partnered with a classmate when moving around the school
- having processes and documents to plan for risks



Before every event, excursion or camp our teachers think about how to avoid situations that might be dangerous or that may hurt us.

Code of Conduct

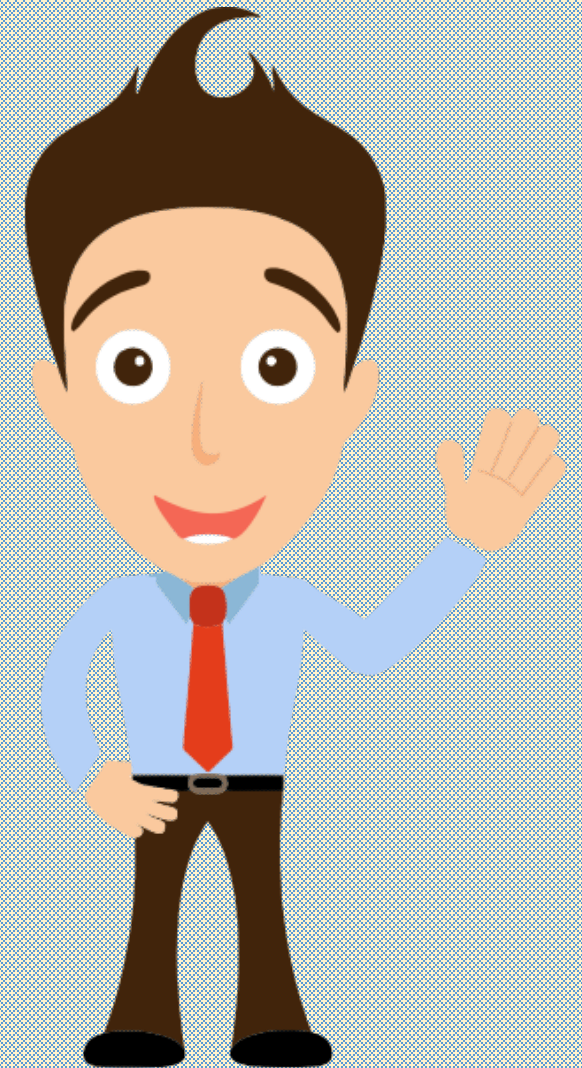
Our school makes sure that the Code of Conduct is signed by all staff, priests, parents, other volunteers and onsite workers and they know how they should behave.



Helpers and visitors must have a Working with Children's Card to show that they are a trusted person. This card is checked at the office before they can enter the school. All visitors wear a school lanyard that shows they have been approved to be in the school.

Employing Staff at the School

At St Joseph's, our Principal makes sure that trustworthy people are employed to work with you and that each employee is committed to keeping children safe.



Inclusion and Empowerment

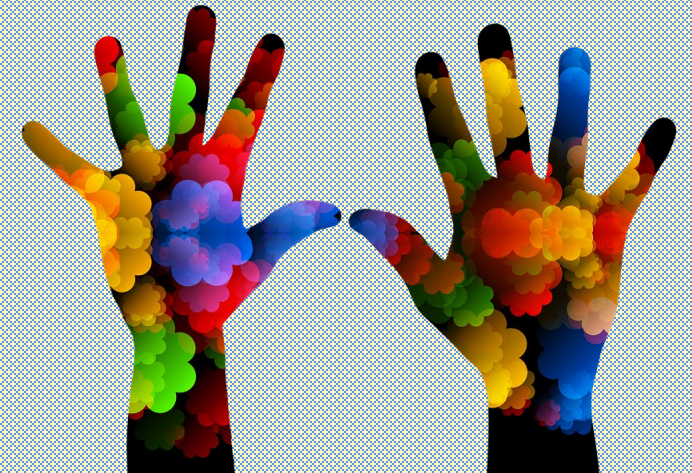
St Joseph's Primary School we teach you to:

- ensure that you are empowered to understand your rights
- recognise abuse, bullying and inappropriate behaviour
- have a range of strategies that can keep you safe
- speak up when you feel uncomfortable or afraid



If you do not feel safe at school you can:

- tell a trusted adult from your safety network
- let your class teacher know
- tell a staff member
- talk to your parents
- talk to a classmate, buddy or friend
- call Kids Helpline



Posters around the school teach us all about child safety and how to ask for help.



Responding and Reporting

Our teachers as well as other adults will listen to our problems on the yard, in the classroom and if we are having an issue at home. If it is a big problem sometimes other people are called in to help us solve the problem.



Valuing Differences

Our school has a special welcome for all. We value all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. As a school we strive to create a sense of home, a place of warmth, friendliness and openness; a place where it is possible for all children feel safe and at ease with others, where the Parish Clergy, parents, children and staff feel that they and their contributions are important and valuable.



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