



*In the Light of Jesus  
we Learn to Shine*

### **Working at St Joseph's Primary School**

My journey to becoming a teacher, began when I took a Teaching Assistant position at St Joseph's. Being part of a warm and welcoming school community reinforced the notion that I wanted to become a teacher. I was supported in my application and was delighted when given the opportunity to base my training at the school.

During my training year, I was encouraged and supported throughout; this offered me a wide range of experiences and enable me to realise my dream. High expectations are evident across the school; both for pupils and for the quality of teaching and learning. This was also clearly reflected in the coaching and mentoring I received. I felt valued as a member of the team and my success was celebrated by all.

Completing my NQT year during a pandemic has been somewhat of a rollercoaster, however I have enjoyed every minute and relished every opportunity that has been afforded to me. This school has opened many doors of opportunity for me and I continue to be supported. I look forward to continuing my career path within St Joseph's.

Joanne Steele – Class teacher

My lifelong love of learning began when I started as a pupil at St Joseph's. Throughout my time as a pupil, I was nurtured, challenged and shaped into the person I am today. I was thrilled when I was given the opportunity to return and start my teaching journey.

During my training year I was encouraged and supported by both my mentor and my year group team. Within the school, there is a culture of feedback in which I was able to apply teaching theory in the classroom and improve my teaching practice. Pupil progress and well-being is at the heart of St Joseph's and this is evident in high quality teaching and learning that I have observed across the school.

St Joseph's is such a special place with a strong sense of community. The Catholic ethos of the school is embodied by staff and parents working together to support the well-being and spiritual development of every child. With every challenge that my NQT year has brought, I have felt supported by my colleagues and valued by parents and pupils. St Joseph's has provided me with many opportunities to learn and grow and have enjoyed every moment of my time here.

Bethany Carroll – Class teacher

Since the moment I returned to St Joseph's I felt like part of a family. I feel honoured to work in a school I once attended with such professional and positive people. The school community work together with gratitude to make sure the children are receiving the best quality education. St Joseph's provides a caring and nurturing environment where we live out our mission statement daily.

Charlotte Durrant – Class teacher

Having been in education for 24 years, I feel truly honoured to have recently joined a fabulous team at St Joseph's. I feel blessed that I work alongside a team that are so supportive and caring.

Everyone works together to ensure that all children receive the best of quality of education and sense of community. I am very lucky to be surrounded by inspirational people who make me want to strive to achieve my full potential and I think this is an essential asset of a truly motivated school.

Mrs Maria Ryan – SENDCo – joined January 2021