

## **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: 'The best that we can be'**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a high proportion of pupil premium children (52%) and 83% of our children come from wards of significant, multiple deprivation. They enter school with poor communication and language skills which continue (in the majority of cases) to be below the national average when they reach the end of Key Stage 2. There is little support from the vast majority of parents with supporting their children's learning; including encouraging their children to attend after school clubs, supporting the completion of homework and daily reading at home and attending parent information evenings.

Our intention is to ensure all our pupils are 'the best that they can be' and are given the skills they need to enable them to manage a successful adult life and continue with their faith journey. This is achieved by looking at the whole child and providing a holistic education.

For our children this means giving them skills to cope with school which will be lifelong; to have the right attitude towards work, to be able to 'have a go', manage failure and try again, to value success and respect others.

When planning our curriculum, a lot of time has been dedicated to looking at the needs of the 'whole child' and what we feel they are entitled to. This has included a wide range of experiences, including all pupils having an opportunity to play a musical instrument, watching a live performance, building a den, posting a letter etc. We are also basing our whole approach to learning around ensuring that pupils have the right attitudes and are given a range of learning strategies to be able to apply their knowledge and understanding across a range of subjects and situations.

We have identified key skills and learning styles (including BLP-Building Learning Power) that will be delivered in every class alongside developing positive attitudes towards learning. Our Creative Curriculum and KS1 outdoor area will reinforce these skills and attitudes to learning.

This will be the basis of our whole school curriculum.