



St. Joseph's Nursery Information

St. Joseph's is a teacher led Nursery setting providing 15 and 30 hours of Early Education for a maximum of 26 children. Our Nursery has a dedicated environment inside and outside tailored to the age-related needs and curriculum for 3-4 years old.

Our large outdoor area is accessed in all weathers, to enhance the children's learning in all areas of their development, from gross motor skills, using a variety of equipment to Personal Social Education Development, navigating social skills communicating with staff and peers.

Admission Over Subscription Criteria

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children whose home address is within the boundaries of the former parish of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the boundaries of the former parish of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate but within the parish boundaries of St. John XXIII, Washington and Peshaw. ([Diocese Parish Boundaries](#))
4. Other Catholic children.
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
7. Other children with an older sibling in school in the following September.
8. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader.
9. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader.
10. Any other children

Our admission policies for Nursery and Reception are available on the school website in the '*policies*' section. Please be aware that admission into our Nursery class does not guarantee a place in our Reception class and a separate application made via Sunderland local authority would be needed when eligible.

Closing date

Applications for Nursery can be made from your child's 2nd birthday. Please collect an application form via the school office. All admission forms and supporting documents (proof of address and baptism certificate) must be received by the school office before the following closing dates:

- September start: 1st April
- January start: 15th October
- April start: 15th March

Families will then be contacted shortly after to inform them whether their child has a place or not. Unsuccessful children will remain on the waiting list for their Nursery academic year.

15 hours

All children in England are entitled to 15 hours of universal funding, the term after they turn 3. This is provided over 5 mornings:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8:40-11:40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

30 hours

30 hours of childcare is available to eligible working families of 3 and 4 year olds in England. Parents can check their eligibility for 30 hours through the childcare calculator using the [childcare choice website](#).

If eligible, you will receive an 11-digit eligibility code, which must be brought to the school office along with your national insurance number and child's date of birth, so we can check that the code is valid. You cannot take up a 30 hours place without a valid 30 hour code, eligibility must be reconfirmed every 3 months.

At St. Joseph's we have 16 places for 30 hour funded places:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning session 8:40-11:40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Afternoon session 11:40 –15:25	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Paid places

If you are not eligible for the 30 hours, places may be available for the afternoon session which are charged at £22.50 per session.

Packed Lunch

All children in Nursery are to bring in a healthy packed lunch, which they will eat in the classroom supervised by qualified members of staff. A variety of healthy food choices are encouraged; no fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or nuts to brought into school. *** St Joseph's is a nut free school*.**

External Wraparound Provider

The Clubhouse (Rebecca's Childcare) at the Pit Stop is working with the support of St. Joseph's to provide Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club to ensure there is enough extended provision to support families that need it, under the supervision of qualified staff at an affordable cost.

Breakfast club: 8:00-9:00am

Afterschool club: 3:15-6:00pm

For additional information please contact Rebecca on 07985476298.