

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parents and carers

Re: New starters – September 2025

We are delighted your child will be joining Mount St Joseph in September 2025, and we would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you all to the Mount St Joseph Catholic School community. The next five academic years will form a major chapter in the life of your child and we are fully committed to ensuring that they achieve their full potential while maximising their well-being and life chances.

We are at the start of an exciting journey together, and while this is a very unusual time we will aim to keep you updated as much as possible about your child's transition to high school over the coming weeks. Nevertheless, there is a good deal that all of us can do to prepare the way, both practically and emotionally, to make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible.

It is extremely important that your child becomes familiar with the staff and school. Over the next few months there will be a number of opportunities for your child to meet with us, both within their own primary school setting, and when we invite them, and you, to join us at Mount St Joseph. To this end, we would like to formally invite you to the following events:

- **Thursday 26th June 2025 at 6.00pm – Welcome Evening**

During this meeting parents, carers and students will have the opportunity to meet key school staff including personal development teachers.

- **Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July 2025 – Transition Days**

The school day normally starts at **08:30am**, however on the transition days your child should arrive for a **9:00am** start and will be welcomed into school through the student reception entrance. Your child will leave school at **2.35pm**.

The purpose of the transition days is to provide an opportunity for your child to experience school life at Mount St Joseph, meet their new form tutor, make new friends and learn about our core values and gospel values. During the day all the new students will come together as a community and your child will need to wear a plain white t-shirt and school trousers on these visits. Please ensure jewellery, including earrings are not worn.



Once again, on behalf of the governors, staff and students, may I welcome you to the family of Mount St Joseph, a community of learners, believers and friends.

We look forward to meeting you at the welcome evening in June and working with you and your child in the years to come. We will work tirelessly to help them develop into confident young people equipped with the knowledge and skills to support them to lead happy and fulfilled lives, and to make a positive difference in the wider community.

For more information about the school day, uniform, school meals and general guidance please click on this link to view:

[Transition - Mount St Joseph Catholic School](#)

Over the summer term, you will receive an email from Arbor to join the school Arbor App. This will provide you with key information about your child's progress when they start school including academic attainment, attendance, behaviour and achievement. Additionally, you will be able to make payments for school lunches and educational visits – please check your email regularly for this invite. The Arbor App and email are the main methods of communication at Mount St Joseph.

Finally, we understand that this is also a significant change for you as a family, and would like to extend our support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions in the forthcoming months, but in the meantime please visit the school website <https://www.msj.stoccat.org.uk> and follow us on X (Twitter) @MSJBolton to keep updated about events and life at the school. Please ensure you also regularly check your email as this will be the main way in which we communicate with you.

Should you have any concerns, please contact Mrs McKeown, Transition lead at kmckeown@msj.stoccat.org.uk and I will be more than happy to address any concerns or questions you have at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Devany

Headteacher

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Transition lead