

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Our Mission Statement

We grow together in God's Love as we Pray, Learn and Play

"Dyn ni'n tyfu gyda'n gilydd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae"

SCHOOL SESSION TIMES POLICY

Article 28:

You have learn and to go to school

This Policy was approved by the Governing Body on	September 2023	The first policy was drawn up and ratified by the Governing Body	Signed: 
This policy is due to be reviewed by the Governing Body	November 2025	This Policy was reviewed by the Governing Body and ratified	Signed:
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Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the structure of the school day provides the best possible framework for teaching and learning. Our aim at St Joseph's RC Primary School is to allow sufficient time to ensure delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and collective worship, as well as the necessary time for registration and breaks.

The Changing of School Session Times (Wales) Regulations came into force on 1 April 2009. Section 32 of the Education Act 2002, as amended by the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, sets out who is responsible for determining the dates of school terms, school holidays and the times of school sessions. For St Joseph's RC Primary School, the governing body determines the times of school sessions (with the local education authority determining the dates of the school terms and holidays).

Roles and Responsibilities of Governors

The governing body at St Joseph's RC Primary School will ensure that, if changes are being considered to the school day, the headteacher will consult fully with the staff, parents, pupils, and the LEA to ensure that a statement is prepared specifying the proposed change and, if required to do so by the LEA

- provide a copy of the statement to all parents and make copies available for inspection at the school
- call a meeting, if requested by parents to discuss the proposed change
- consider any comments made and decide whether to implement the proposed change, with or without any modification
- inform the LEA and parents of any change at before it takes effect

Minimum Weekly Teaching Times

DfEE Circular 7/90 sets out the following suggested minimum weekly teaching times as a guide for schools:

Foundation Phase	21 hrs
Key Stage 2	23 hrs 30mins

While the above guidance does not outline the standard minimum hours to be operated by schools. It stands as non-statutory guidance and has advisory status only.

At St Joseph's RC Primary School

From St David (Reception to St Teilo (Year 2/3), we teach for a total of **23hrs 45 mins per week**

- 8.55am to 10.40am
- 11.00am to 12.00pm
- 13:30pm to 15.30pm

While St Gwynno (Year 3/4) to St Dwynwen (Year 6), we teach for a total of **26hrs 15mins per week**

- 8.55am to 10.40am
- 11.00am to 12.30pm
- 13:30pm to 15.30pm

Arrangements for Monitoring and Evaluating

The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to each AOLE, and if required recommendations for a change will be made to the governing body by the headteacher.

When changes are made feedback will be sought from pupils, staff and parents at the end of the first year.