Dear Parent / Guardian

Parents of St Joseph’s
Catholic Ethos

I am writing to express my concern at the number of incidents of rudeness towards school staff. This will not be tolerated as it undermines the Catholic ethos of the school.

A recent trend which has occurred is that staff are being questioned when they challenge late arrival at school, poor uniform standards and misbehaviour. All staff are instructed by myself to insist on the highest standards by reinforcing school rules at every opportunity. This ‘zero-tolerance’ approach goes a long way in ensuring children leave St Joseph’s having reached their full potential and are prepared for their transition to high school and their adult working lives.

In addition to our Catholic ethos, outstanding academic achievement and standards of excellence, I would hope that our high expectations for attendance, timekeeping and behaviour were a consideration when you selected St Joseph’s as the best learning environment for your child.

While this behaviour is coming from a small minority of parents, I must ensure that this does not become part of the school culture. Therefore, I remind everyone that rudeness or a disrespectful manner towards staff is not acceptable and clearly sets a poor example to the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should be in class by 8.55am when the register is taken. Children in Years 3 to 6 may arrive as early as 8.30am for a period of supervised quiet time in the school hall. If you are one of the parents who finds that the traffic can cause delays on your journey, then please bring your child to school earlier in the morning so your child is not arriving late, stressed and embarrassed as they walk into the lessons which have already begun.

Finally, I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who are supportive of the aims of the school. In partnership, we will ensure your child develops into a young person who is well-behaved, organised and respectful so they are well prepared for their future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Titus
Headteacher