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Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Philosophy for Children at Our Lady and St Joseph

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that this year we have introduced a new thinking skills approach into our school's curriculum called 'Philosophy for Children' – **P4C** for short.

The aim is to encourage the whole school community to ask questions and think really hard about important things in life.

In regular P4C sessions, your child will be asking questions, taking turns to share ideas, expressing opinions, hearing other points of view, and justifying what they think. They will be encouraged and learn to develop excellent listening skills, concentrate on following a line of argument, and choose words carefully to explain their thinking.

We hope you'll ask the children what they have been thinking about and continue the discussion at home. Here's an example of a discussion question:

Can a decision be both fair and unfair?

Thank you for your continued support, and as always, please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The aim of a thinking skills program such as P4C is not to turn children into philosophers or decision makers, but to help them become more thoughtful, more reflective, more considerate and more reasonable individuals.

Professor Matthew Lipman, one of the founders of P4C

Kind regards,

Patrick Devereux

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Headteacher