



St. Joseph's  
Catholic Infant  
& Junior Schools  
Birtley



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Please find below a message from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society who are advertising their 6-week Holy Island holiday camp. We cannot advocate the SVP Holy Island Camp enough – as it is a fabulous week, filled with laughter, excitement, fun, sea, sand, stories, adventure, sport and exploration. Each camp is facilitated by a set of volunteers who come together to support the children as they encounter a 7-day break away! This is ideal for any child currently in Years 5, 6 or 7 at school.**

**2023 Camp dates are as follows - We will be running 4 weeks again in 2023.**

Week 1 (22nd July - 29th July)

Week 2 (29th July - 5th August)

Week 5 (19th August - 26th August)

Week 6 (26th August - 2nd September)

**Children's applications for 2023 are now open!**

The cost is £150 per child, per week. We will again be allocating places on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please apply as soon as possible. As you may be aware, the camp has been already been operating with mixed helpers for a number of years, and the National SVP Committee have a wish for all camps to be mixed in terms of both children and volunteers with our first year of this in 2021. For Holy Island, this means we can now offer completely equal opportunities to both boys and girls. Of course, whilst the boys and girls will attend the same week, they will have separate dormitories, toilets and shower facilities.

**The participants will normally meet at Heworth Metro Long Stay car park, and will travel on the bus to Holy Island. They will stay in the SVP Holy Island camp and will return the following week by bus.**

**Any queries contact the applications team by email: [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)**

If there is anything at all you would like to ask or discuss, please contact our team at any time via the email address below. Unfortunately, due to the fact we are all working full time on our day jobs, we do not have a phone number for you to call. However, if you would rather discuss a matter over the phone, please email us with your name and number and we will call you back as soon as we can.

Applications can be submitted online from our website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> and [https://svpl.formstack.com/forms/children\\_s\\_application\\_form\\_2023](https://svpl.formstack.com/forms/children_s_application_form_2023). Please also view the attached pdf which summarises the camp experience.

**Please spread the word! It would be fabulous if we could have a group of St. Joseph's, Birtley, pupils attending the camps!**