

Activities

English

English lessons are a part of the normal curriculum and start in pre-school. These are provided by specialised external teachers. The school also has a number of native English speakers amongst its pupils. A school show in English (prepared with the Lumbin music school) was played July 1st.

Outings

During school hours: visits having to do with ongoing projects in each class

- Museum
- Farm
- Nature Outings

Thematic Activities

- Play days with games according to the school project
- Cooking days
- Christmas market

Swimming

For CP (1st grade) and CE1 (2nd grade) classes, the school organises swimming classes, at the Crolles public swimming pool..

Computer Literacy

The 5th grade classes pass a standardised computer and internet exam (B2i).

Ministry

- Class activities around the important times of the year, Christmas and Easter, with parental participation (optional).
- Social awareness activities (bowl of rice)
- Catechism: provided by parents outside regular school hours (optional).

Enrolment

Principle

St Joseph School is currently has a ("contrat simple") with the French government, which pays the teachers' salaries.

The families' contribution finances:

- The buildings (heating, maintenance, ...)
- Salaries and associated costs for non-teaching personnel (ASEM, service personnel, teachers' assistants)
- Teaching materials

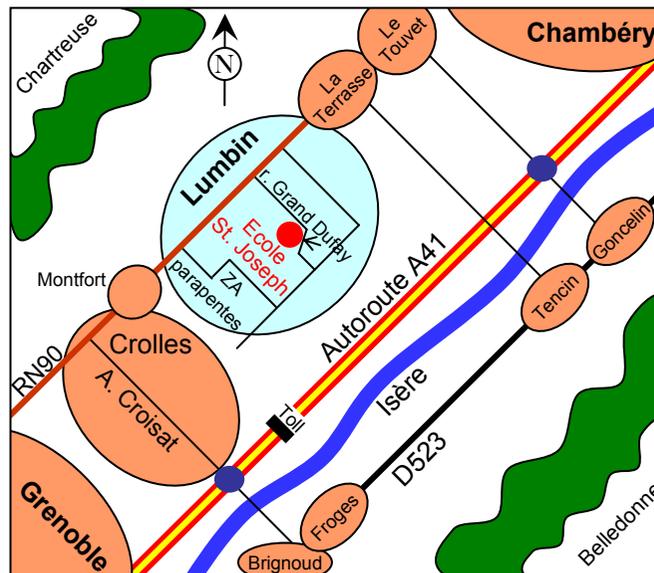
Enrolment costs for 2006/2007:

- 1st child 66€ per month
- 2nd child 61€ per month
- 3rd child 49€ per month

Lower registration costs are also applied when older children within the family attend private Catholic schools.

Lunchtime Meals for 2006/2007

Between 5€10 and 5€70.



St Joseph's School

Lumbin



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Educational Vision

St Joseph's School is a vibrant Catholic school, open to all.

The pupils, teachers, parents, personnel and administrators all share and are committed to this vision.

The teachers and personnel strive to:

- provide a quality education, close to the pupils' needs.
- foster an environment of mutual trust and respect between teachers, parents, and pupils.
- take part in a group while building one's own character and personality.
- widen the child's vision, and offer alternatives to violence and aggressive behaviour.
- learn to live in harmony and to accept differences.
- reinforce the school dynamic.
- develop strong points, and practice positive evaluation.

This is achieved through:

- frequent meetings and daily interaction between teachers.
- meetings between parents and teachers, who are generally available for discussion before or after classes.

The «projet d'école», an annually chosen topic for discovery and activities, reinforce the school's values.

General Information

St. Joseph's pre-school and elementary school is situated in the village of Lumbin (between Crolles and Le Touvet), in the heart of the Grésivaudan valley, in the Isère. The school is run by the Grenoble Catholic Diocese and is also under contract with the French government.

St. Joseph's school is open to everyone.

Classes

- There are two pre-school classes (we accept children from the age of 2 and 1/2),
- Four elementary classes
- CLIS 1 : A School Integration Class (for children with disabilities)

The teachers are in close contact with parents to ensure the best possible guidance for each pupil. Once or twice a year, an individual assessment is provided concerning each child's overall development and progress in school work.

The pre-school classes are new (inaugurated in January 2005).

A Unique Environment

The school is housed in buildings that are over 100 years old on the outskirts of the village, and is surrounded by a beautiful wooded parkland.



School Days

4-day school week : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The vacation schedule is slightly different from public schools because there is no school on Saturday mornings.

School Hours

mornings: 8h45 - 11:45 (*playground : 8:30*)
afternoons: 1h45 - 4:45 (*playground : 1:30*)

See also cafeteria below.

Before and After School

The school organises day care in the mornings from 8:00 AM and in the evenings until 5:30 PM or 6 PM on certain days (discuss this with the Principal).



Cafeteria

A cafeteria provides meals and day care every school day. Children may also bring bag lunches.

Library

A small library ("BCD : *Bibliothèque / Centre Documentaire*") exists for the pre-school.

A "BCDR : *Bibliothèque, Centre de Documentation et de Recherche*", including PCs and wireless internet access points, is available for the primary grades.