



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Following in Jesus' footsteps we live, learn and love

Policy for Moral Development

At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we aim to put into practise Gospel values through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. At St. Joseph's we value love, faith and friendship. We will teach the children to recognise what is right and wrong as well as giving them the tools to make good, informed choices. We will help them to understand that their behaviour should reflect the teachings of Christ and in doing so we will be giving them the knowledge and confidence to be able to behave well. Through the teaching of 'Come and See', Assemblies, Church Masses and Services, Collective Worship and PHSCE the children will learn how to put into practise the values we hold strong. The children and staff are aware of how to live out the school's mission statement in their daily lives.

From the start of their education, our children are taught to respect others and they are encouraged to make decisions about what is right and wrong. This is inherent in all aspects of school life. Through Collective Worship and the teaching of 'Come and See' the children will be given opportunities to discuss moral issues pertaining to their own life and the wider world. Opportunities for moral development will also be provided during the teaching of PHSCE where the children learn about how to deal with and find solutions to moral problems and issues.

At St. Joseph's we have in place a positive reward system which encourages:

- good behaviour
- respect for others
- taking care of each other
- taking care of the environment

We also have an active School Council and Eco-Council which encourage cohesion and working together.

According to age and ability the children are expected to develop a sense of harmony and they are taught to be sensitive to the needs of others. They are encouraged to express regret for inappropriate behaviour and actions and to admit mistakes. Adults also demonstrate admittance of mistakes, saying sorry and doing something positive to make up for their actions. This helps the children learn from positive role models.

During their time in Year 4 the children prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For this we use the materials provided by the diocese - 'With You Always' Sacramental programme. At all times, the staff at St. Joseph's endeavour to provide our children with a safe environment in which they can learn and flourish.

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