



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

Policy for Spiritual Development

At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School our children receive a Catholic Education based on the gospel values of love, faith and friendship. It is our hope that the children in our care will develop:

- Religious beliefs, values, principles and attitudes.
- An ability to recognise, understand and reflect on feelings emotions.
- An understanding of how be guided by their beliefs, values, principles and attitudes.

Aims

- We aim to develop personal and religious beliefs as well as an understanding of how personal identity can be nurtured.
- We aim to nurture a love of Christ and to teach the children to put into practise the Gospel values of love, faith, friendship, honesty, patience, tolerance and forgiveness and in doing so, encourage them to develop as caring, happy Christians.
- We aim to give all of our children the opportunities to develop a sense of awe and wonder about the natural world and about human development and discoveries.
- We will encourage the children to be self-aware and respectful of others; to show concern, empathy and compassion for others.
- We will encourage them to understand the Catholic faith by learning from Bible stories, taking an active part in Mass, taking part in the Sacramental Programme and preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation, gathering on a daily basis for prayers, reflecting during Collective Worship and singing hymns and songs of celebration.
- The children will learn about and be respectful of other faiths and beliefs.
- We aim to teach the children to value their friendships, the school and parish community, and be equipped to deal the joys and demands of such relationships.
- All of our children will be encouraged to express themselves through creative development and they will be encouraged to reflect and learn from this reflection.
- Above all we aim to provide the children with positive experiences from which they can learn to be good, Christian individuals.

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