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Spiritual & Moral Policy

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Aims

- To develop an understanding of insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values which guide and motivate us. As a catholic school we seek to promote the Gospel values of: faithfulness, integrity, dignity, compassion, humility, gentleness, truth, justice, forgiveness, mercy, purity, holiness, tolerance, peace and love
- To offer a wealth of experiences which enable children to develop their understanding
- To develop opportunities for children to show that their insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values influence, inspire and guide them in life
- To enhance our children's spiritual development
- To develop an understanding of moral behaviour in line with our Mission Statement which enables pupils to live out the Gospel values in many ways

We aim to enhance children's spiritual and moral development through:

- Daily acts of collective worship from Nursery to Y6
- Living out our Mission Statement daily

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- Helping children develop a respect for themselves and others by reinforcing positive behaviour
 - Praising and rewarding good behaviour and acts of kindness
 - Delivering our 'Come and See' Religious Education Curriculum
 - Celebrating feasts and seasons within the Christian calendar and other faiths
 - Enhancing the appreciation for beauty, truth, love, goodness and wonder in awe of God's Kingdom
 - Enriching our children's understanding by providing opportunities for reflection on all aspects of school life
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- Developing a sense of empathy with others through Circle Time, links with other schools in the developing world and through fund raising for different charities (CAFOD, the Good Shepherd, Blythswood)
 - Creating an environment of trust, care and compassion
 - Promoting Christian values in all aspects of school life (school buddies)
 - Seeking to help children to understand how the impact of their feelings and emotions affects their behaviour and impacts on the feelings and emotions of others
 - The Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy providing a clear moral code that is promoted consistently throughout the school and is reinforced through classroom rules and acceptable playground behaviour
 - Our Mission Statement which encourages our wider school community to be inclusive and to promote measures to prevent discrimination on any basis
 - Celebrating the uniqueness of each individual and tailoring learning and teaching to enable all to achieve their full potential and understand the importance of equality of opportunities for all

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- Assemblies and acts of worship provide models of moral virtue through gospel readings, these messages which are explored with the children.
- Reading stories about significant role models to inspire children and reading stories with strong moral themes
- Reinforcing the school's values through images, posters, exhibitions and classroom displays
- Delivering our RHSE Curriculum

Childrens' development will be evidenced by

Continuous assessment within RE

Childrens' involvement in the life of the school and the wider community

The atmosphere of care within the school

Promoting forgiveness and new starts

Monitoring and evaluation

We understand the spiritual and moral development of children is the responsibility of the whole school community. We aim to ensure that this policy is adopted by all through:

Briefing sessions

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Staff meetings

Team meetings

RE In-service time

Governors' meetings

Parent/Carer meetings

Links with Community and Parish

School Council Meetings and circle time