



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Rationale

The community of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School: children, staff, parents and governors have collaborated closely to devise an inspiring, child-centred curriculum for the pupils of St. Patrick's. Our curriculum is implemented with a view to improving further the high quality of our pupils' learning experiences. Our school motto is "Be the best that you can be" and we place a strong emphasis on challenge for all our children to enable them to learn and develop their skills to the best of their ability. We strive to ensure our children are motivated and inspired to want to learn by ensuring a broad and balanced delivery of the National Curriculum with exciting, stimulating, cross-curricular links, based on common values, decided upon as a community:

Faith - Respect - Diversity - Global Citizens - Aspiration - Creativity - Justice

Our curriculum aims:

- To educate our children in the Catholic **faith**, encouraging our pupils to live and act according to the gospel values.
- To be **respectful** of the communities in which they live and have an awareness of their own and other religious and spiritual development.
- At our school we strongly promote **self-respect** for all in our school irrespective of race, creed or gender. Care will be taken to ensure that resources do not present stereo-typical images, rather role models from diverse backgrounds and cultures reflecting the multi-ethnic nature of our society
- To be **aspirational** as **life-long learners** and independent thinkers.
- To be **global citizens** showing an awareness of their changing world, including how their environment and society have changed over time.
- To enable children to have **self-respect**, high self-esteem and to be able to live and work co-operatively with others.
- To promote a **positive attitude** towards learning, so that children enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning;
- To enable children to be **creative** and to develop their own thinking;
- To help children understand the importance of **justice, truth and fairness**, so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all;
- To provide opportunities for meaningful **enrichment experiences** across the curriculum to strengthen and deepen learning.
- To fulfil all the requirements of the National Curriculum.

Curriculum structure and assessment:

All subjects are taught discretely in half termly blocks and where sensible the subjects are linked to deepen learning and make the curriculum unique to our children.

Assessment opportunities are carefully planned into the curriculum. Children's progress across the curriculum is continually monitored over the year, with teachers ensuring that any gaps are addressed.

Enrichment opportunities:

At St Patrick's we pride ourselves on enabling our children to have a plethora of experiences while at our school. The wide range of extra-curricular clubs ranging from debating to crochet, visits and visitors help our children to widen their life experiences and raise aspirations.

We regularly seize opportunities to work in new partnerships to bring unique experiences and opportunities for our children. Recent projects have involved children collaborating with Alder Hey Hospital working alongside heart surgeons, designers and parents to create new technology to support children with heart conditions. A project with the Unity Theatre has enabled a group of our talented writers to collaborate with actors, musicians and scriptwriters.

Enabling children to try new experiences will broaden their horizons, raise their aspiration and give opportunities to succeed.