

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Moral Development policy



MISSION, VISION VALUES

Mission

For our community to treat everyone with the Christian values of

Peace, Love and Understanding

Ensuring we are all responsible Global citizens and prepared for life's challenges

"Be the best that you can be"

Vision

To be an ***oasis of excellence*** for the community that we serve rooted in faith and family values, where every member of the community is valued.

Values

At St. Patrick's, we **LOVE** one another as Jesus loved us.

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We LOVE ourselves, our community and our world.	We show OPENNESS by telling the truth, welcoming everyone and embracing new learning.	Gospel VALUES guide us to be global citizens, working together to make the world a better place.	We have EMPATHY ; we make choices with kindness, and a big heart.

Introduction

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, we recognise that moral development is integral to the holistic development of children.

Moral development helps children to acquire knowledge, understanding, intentions, attitudes and behaviour in relation to what is right and wrong. Through our Psychologically Responsive Behaviour Policy and our PSHE curriculum we seek to encourage desirable attitudes and personal qualities.

Our school values.

Our values, outlined above, alongside our school rules of "Be kind, Stay Safe, Work hard," enable our children to be the best that they can be morally.

We reject:

- bullying
- deceit
- cruelty
- dishonesty
- racism

At St Patrick's, through our attitudes towards the children, we enable them to develop respect for each other. Our restorative approach to behaviour, means that children have a true understanding of how their behaviour impacts others and are able to reflect and repair relationships. Children will be taught to appreciate not only their own self-worth but also those of the other children with whom they come into contact. They will also be helped to develop knowledge of what is right and wrong.

Moral development is about a growing awareness of, and positive response to, the demands of living as an individual with others in a community.

We believe that people who are developing morally listen to their conscience, the inner sense, informed by their upbringing, experiences and faith or religious beliefs that prompts them to do what is right out of love for others, respect for themselves and regard for the world in which they live.

The educational mission of the Church brings to life Christ's new commandment 'that you love one another as I have loved you'. (John 13:34). This gospel value is lived out in the daily life of the school as highlighted in our values through loving one another, being open and honest, living out Gospel Values and having empathy.

Aims

- To support pupils in developing an understanding of moral values.
- To develop a respect for others' needs and feelings, as well as their own.
- To promote, at an appropriate level, children's understanding of basic moral philosophy and the skills of analysis, debate, judgment and application to contemporary issues.

Objectives

- To encourage children to reflect on and take on board the aims and objectives of our Mission Statement, and the teaching they receive through their Religious Education lessons.

- Provide a clear moral code as a basis for behaviour, which is promoted consistently through all aspects of the school.
- Provide opportunities across the curriculum to explore and develop moral concepts and values.

We will achieve these objectives through:

- The implementation of our Mission, Vision and Values.
- The Catholic life of our school, encompassing Prayer and Liturgy, R.E curriculum, Catholic Social Teaching, assemblies and working alongside our parish and local community.
- The delivery of Journey in Love
- The school's behaviour policy.
- Curriculum opportunities for exploring and sharing dilemmas and challenges e.g. PSHE,
- Enrichment opportunities such as Debate Academy

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