



St Cecilia's Catholic Infant & Nursery School

Moral Development Policy

At St Cecilia's Catholic Infant 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 behaviour policy and Code of Conduct we seek to encourage desirable attitudes and personal qualities. Our school values include:

- telling the truth
- respecting the rights and property of others
- acting considerately towards others
- self-discipline

We reject:

- bullying
- deceit
- cruelty
- dishonesty

At St Cecilia's Infant School, through our attitudes towards the children, we enable them to develop respect for each other. 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 - e.g. in class - at playtime, at lunchtime. 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 Mission Statement through;

Forgiveness, Freedom, Tolerance, Respect, Relationships.

Aims

- To support pupils in developing an understanding of moral values, helping them to make judgments.
- To develop a respect for others needs and feelings, as well as their own.
- To promote, at an appropriate level, pupil'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 Statement.
- The Catholic life of our school, encompassing Collective Worship, R.E curriculum, assemblies, working alongside our parish and local community e.g. Harvest festival, supporting Nugent Care, global focus work e.g. exploring the work of CAFOD.
- Badge assemblies and celebration assemblies which promote positive attitudes for self and others.
- The schools behaviour policy.
- Curriculum opportunities for exploring and sharing dilemmas and challenges e.g. P.S.H.E., SEAL, and Philosophy for children.

This policy will be reviewed autumn 2017

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You'

