

**“Learning and Growing
Together; Inspired by the
Love of Jesus.”**

St Aidan’s Catholic Primary School Spirituality and Moral Development Policy



Christ Centred Aim:

Inspired by the love of Jesus, we are committed to creating a school community for all, by developing everyone to support Catholic values and show love and forgiveness to all.

Education Aim:

By learning and growing together, everyone can discover and develop their gifts, use their knowledge and skills and aspire to do their best in all areas of the curriculum.

Community Aim:

Together we foster respect for each other and for our environment creating a welcoming, non-judgemental community that works together in peace and harmony as one school, parish and global family.

Ratified on: September 2022

Date to be reviewed: January 2025

Our 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 Christian values of friendship, compassion and forgiveness
- To offer a wealth of experiences which enables a pupil to develop their understanding
- To develop opportunities for pupils to show that their insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values influence, inspire and guide them in life
- To develop an understanding of moral behavior in line with our Mission Statement which enables pupils to live out the Gospel value of love in many ways such as forgiveness, freedom, tolerance, respect and relationships. We aim to enhance the children's spiritual development through:
 - The delivery of 'Come and See and Religious Education Directory' with celebration of feasts and seasons within the Christian calendar and that of other faiths and cultures
 - Living out our Mission Statement
 - Assemblies, reinforcing positive behavior – we will help the pupils to develop a respect for themselves and others
 - Engendering a sense of empathy with others through Circle Time, through links with other schools in the developing world and through fund raising
 - Creating an environment of trust, care and compassion
 - Enriching the children's understanding by providing opportunities for reflection on all aspects of school life
 - Enhancing the pupils' appreciation for beauty, truth, love, goodness and wonder in our delivery of the curriculum as a whole in our Catholic school where, as a staff, we seek to support one another in this goal
 - Seeking to help the pupils to understand how the impact of their feelings and emotions affects their behavior and impacts on the feelings and emotions of others
 - The School Values, Behavior Policy and Anti Bullying Policy provide a clear moral code that is promoted consistently throughout the school
 - Celebrating the uniqueness of each individual and tailoring the learning and teaching environment to enable all to achieve their full potential, whilst understanding the importance of equality of opportunity for all
 - Praise and reward for good behavior and acts of kindness
 - Assemblies and acts of worship which provide models of moral virtue through gospel readings, the message of which is explored with the children, stories about significant role models to inspire the children and stories with a strong moral theme
 - Reinforcing the school's values through images, posters, exhibitions and classroom displays

Pupils' development will be evidenced by

- Continuous assessment within RE
- Pupil involvement in the life of the school and the wider community
- School ethos and atmosphere of care within the school
- Reports from visitors to the school and comments in the visitors' book
- Inspection and monitoring visit reports
- Pupil and parent questionnaires
- Monitoring and evaluation
- We understand the spiritual and moral development of pupils is the responsibility of the whole school community.
- We aim to ensure that this policy is adopted by all through:
 - Staff meetings
 - RE Inset time
 - Governors' meetings
 - Parent/Carer meetings
 - Links with Community and Parish