

St Anthony Of Padua Catholic Primary School

Moral Education Policy

“Growing Together Following Jesus”

At St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School, we recognize that moral development is integral to the holistic development of pupils.

“Moral education helps pupils to acquire knowledge, understanding, intentions, attitudes and behaviour in relation to what is right or wrong...

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

(Spiritual and Moral Development Across The Curriculum- Catholic Education Service.)

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;

- respect
- love
- truth
- acceptance
- tolerance
- forgiveness
- reconciliation

Aims

1. To support pupils in developing an understanding of moral values, helping them to make judgements.
2. To develop a respect for other’s needs and feelings as well as their own.

3. To promote, at an appropriate level, each pupil's understanding of basic moral philosophy and the skills of analysis, debate, judgement and application to contemporary issues.

Objectives

1. Encourage children to reflect on and take on board the aims and objectives of our School Mission Statement, and the teaching they receive through their Religious Education lessons.
2. Provide a clear moral code as a basis for behaviour which is promoted consistently through all aspects of the school through class codes of conduct.
3. Provide opportunities across the curriculum to explore moral concepts and values to enable children to make good choices.

We will achieve these objectives through...

1. The implementation of our school's Mission Statement.
2. The Catholic life of the school encompassing Collective Worship, the RE curriculum, RSE lessons and work across the curriculum, assemblies, supporting Sacramental programmes, global focus work and the liturgy.
3. The promotion of justice through the consistent application of our codes of conduct.
4. The implementation of bronze, silver and gold awards, special person awards, gold cards and celebration assemblies which promote positive attitudes and a clear framework for behaviour.
5. Curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for exploring and sharing dilemmas and challenges, eg in PHSE, "Circle Time" and class and school councils.
6. Use of challenging resources such as school values resources, staff training and children's workshops in diversity and equality, continuous reinforcement that we are all different and all equal.

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