

St Hugh's Catholic Primary School

Moral Development Policy

Mission Statement

St Hugh's School provides a welcoming, safe and secure environment for all.

Our school aims to be a community which reflects real gospel values of love and forgiveness. A community in which each individual, child or adult, can work in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding; so as to broaden their appreciation of the world, its cultures and its people.

Every day ... Growing in God's Love

At St Hugh'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 behaviour policy and PSHE policy 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
- racism

At St Hugh's 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. 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, love, relationships.

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.

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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, global focus work.
- Celebration assemblies which promote positive attitudes for self and others.
- The school's behaviour policy.
- Curriculum opportunities for exploring and sharing dilemmas and challenges e.g. PSHE.

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Ratified by Governors:

Next Review: June 2019