



St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School
"The more I learn about the world in which I live the closer I grow to God"



Spiritual and Moral Development Policy

The Catholic Ethos of the School

At St, Albert the Great Catholic Primary School we aim to provide the highest quality education and care for all our children. We aim to offer a welcome to each child and family and to provide a warm and caring environment within which all children can learn and develop through access to a creative and challenging curriculum which encourages their confidence and self esteem.

Our school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with canon law and teachings of the Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Westminster and at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 the children in our care to develop their understanding
- to develop opportunities for our pupils to show that their insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values influence, inspire and guide them in life
- to develop an understanding of moral behaviour 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 'Here I Am' and celebration of feasts and seasons within the Christian calendar and that of other faiths and cultures
- the Mission Statement, PHSE. Assemblies, reinforcing positive behaviour – 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 behaviour and impacts on the feelings and emotions of others
- the Behaviour Policy and Anti Bullying Policy which provide a clear moral code that is promoted consistently throughout the school and is reinforced through classroom rules and acceptable playground behaviour



- our Mission Statement which encourages the wider school community to be inclusive and to promote measures to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age and other criteria
- celebrating the uniqueness of each individual and tailoring the learning and teaching environment to enable all to achieve their full potential and engender within them the importance of equality of opportunity for all
- praise and reward for good behaviour 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

Atmosphere of care within the school

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

Key stage meetings

Annual RE Inservice day

Governors meetings

Parents' meetings

Links with community and Parish

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