

Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement for Religious Education

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we intend to provide a Religious Education curriculum which is accessible to all children across the whole of the primary phase. We deliver lessons that are engaging and well-resourced to enable access to learning for all children. Our children strive for excellence, and are able to work both independently and co-operatively.

We are committed to ensuring that children are able to recognise the importance of Religious Education (RE) in the wider world, preparing them for all aspects of life including their transition into secondary school. It is woven seamlessly across the curriculum with the children making links across their learning, as well as how they apply the Catholic Social Teaching principles effortlessly in every aspect of their day. Understanding is only the first step; children at St. Joseph's are able to take what they have learnt and apply it to the way they are and the way that they behave, upholding our virtues of faith, hope and love.

Intent	Implementation	Impact
At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, it is our	Religious Education is a core subject and we	The successful approach to teaching Religious
intention to provide a high quality Religious	follow the diocesan 'God Matters' scheme of work	Education at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Education that gives the children the foundations	enabling all children to develop their knowledge	will result in a development of reflective skills and
they need to recognise the importance of faith and	and understanding of Catholic faith and life, how	new understanding of beliefs and religions in the
religion which are woven through all aspects of	this can be taken into their own lives whilst	world around them.
their daily life.	evaluating and analysing religious beliefs and	
-	practice.	Pupil Voice
It is our intent that through our teaching of RE, we		Through their RE learning, the children are able to
aim to explicitly develop the knowledge and	Each year group will explore ten units over the	make links between their own lives, those of
understanding of the Catholic faith. To develop	year. These units are progressive, building on	others in their community and in the wider world.
tolerance and respect for the different cultures	previous knowledge and experience whilst taking	
and beliefs within our own community and society.	into account of the children's age and	Children are able to talk enthusiastically about
All of our learning celebrates the Gospel virtues	understanding. The scheme of work is fully	their knowledge and understanding of religion.
and values of the Catholic church which is	aligned to RE Curriculum Directory and it ensures	Children across the school articulate well about
incorporated into all areas of school life.	consistency and progress of all children.	the need to be respectful of different beliefs.
At St. Joseph's we recognise and value every	It is supported by a clear approach to teaching	Evidence in Knowledge
child as special and unique in the image and	and learning, which is characterised by the 3 E's:	Pupils will gain knowledge and understanding of
likeness of God. In addition, RE at our school	Engage, Explore, Express. It is structured in a	the Catholic faith, know how people of different
respects and promotes each child's innate	way which allows for deep learning and real	religions may express themselves and treat
capacity for awe, wonder, reverence and	engagement with the RE content.	people equally regardless of background or
spirituality.		beliefs.
	The learning objective is shared in every RE	
It is our intention that children at St. Joseph's	lesson and tasks/activities are set to allow	Breadth and Depth
Catholic Primary School will enjoy their RE	children to achieve these objectives whilst	Teachers plan a range of opportunities to develop
lessons and allow them to feel a sense of	providing challenges to deepen their	knowledge of religious topics in practical and
belonging to our school community.	understanding and faith. Woven throughout the	

 Through RE, our children learn about their unique place within the home, school and parish community. Central to our ethos are the opportunities for prayer and worship which lie at the heart of our faith. We will promote and encourage these at every level, together with the skills and attitudes necessary to live out God's message in today's world. All lessons will be places where everyone is respected for their beliefs and expressions of faith, but where ultimately, they all achieve. Not only this but the application of what the children have learnt, extends to their understanding and ability to reflect on the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. Children are able to apply these principles across the curriculum, which in turn permeates through their actions and how they live it out. These intentions fall in line with our school vision 'Inspiring everyone to REACH through Faith, Hope and Love', where each child is encouraged to love, learn and succeed by following in the footsteps of Jesus. 	 children's learning is Catholic Social Teaching and opportunities to understand the virtues of faith, hope and love. During RE lessons, children will use of a variety of sources such as religious stories, scripture, religious artwork, songs, music, dance and religious signs and symbols. High quality teaching responds to the needs of children. Teachers follow the school marking policy and will use key driver words to consolidate, check and challenge learning when necessary. Alongside children being guided by clear driver words, they also are supported and guided by knowledge organisers helping to ensure they are consistently referring back to the key vocabulary and key people within each unit. This is used as a tool to consistently develop the concept of <i>'knowledge as power'</i>. Children will participate in Mass, Feast Days, Holy Days of Obligation and weekly Liturgical Prayer, which mostly be led by children with adults acting as a guide and facilitator. The Subject Leader for RE will evaluate provision in order to ensure that teaching and learning is consistent and of a high standard and where necessary, staff will receive CDP and training in RE. They will also ensure that children have the chance to reflect and live out the virtues of faith, hope and love, alongside their understanding of the Catholic Social Teaching principles. Adults 	creative ways, providing children with opportunities of personal reflection and response. Through moderation of planning, observations of lessons, scrutiny of books and pupil voice, we can be sure that progression and progress is made across all year groups. Where needed, support is provided to ensure all pupils do achieve at their own rate and pace. Evidence of impact in RE is not just collated through RE books but through Liturgical prayer, class based Liturgical Prayer, reflection books and through our Catholic life and mission. Evidence in Skills Pupils use acquired vocabulary in lessons. They develop an understanding of their own spirituality and faith but also the need to be respectful and tolerant of others. RE offers our children the means by which to understand how other people choose to live and to understand why they choose to live in that way. As such, RE is invaluable in an ever changing and shrinking world. RE therefore shapes our children to live out the teachings of Jesus and look at the world with an open heart and desire to make a difference and 'Inspire each other to REACH through our virtues of faith, hope and love'.
	hope and love, alongside their understanding of	