



# A Statement of the School Aims

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*"A learning community united by Christ and the teaching of the Gospel"*



## **Mission Statement**

*St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School is a learning community, united by Christ and the teaching of the Gospel, in which the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical growth of each individual is nurtured*

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### **WORSHIP**

To provide opportunities for worship to enable the school community to grow in faith.

- Encourage the participation of children in Liturgical and Non Liturgical celebrations.
- Provide collective acts of worship suitable to the age and experience of the children.
- Introduce the children to prayer as part of school community life.
- Welcome parents to join in with the school community in worship.

### **THE UNIQUENESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL**

To value the uniqueness of the individual in which each person is seen as made in God's image and loved by Him.

- Help each child to become aware of how special she/he is as a member of God's family.
- Develop the intellectual, creative, social and physical skills of the child to the full.
- Recognise the unique gifts of members of staff and their contribution to school life.
- Establish a programme of in-service training that takes account of both the needs of the school, Catholic Education and the individual.
- Ensure effective pastoral care fostering self-respect and personal responsibility.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

To respond to the teachings of Christ by showing respect for the human dignity of all.

- Ensure tolerance, respect and understanding between all members of the community.
- Develop children's understanding of each other and tolerance of other faith, cultures and beliefs.
- Establish policies and practices that enable them to live in a multi-cultural, multi-faith society.
- Foster an atmosphere in which the voices of both agreement and dissent can be heard and considered, encourage openness in inter-personal relationships between all in the school community.

### **LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION**

To provide an environment in which the talents and qualities of all are allowed to flourish and contribute to the Catholic mission in education.

- Facilitate opportunities for team work enabling all Governors, members of staff and children to be appropriately involved in the decision making process.

To interpret law and policies by the way in which it fits into the principles and values of the Catholic Faith.

- Develop policies and procedures that reflect the teachings of the Church

Be a school community that through its leadership, management and organisation has a sense of mission in which the search for excellence is seen as an integral part.

- Enable all members of staff to develop their individual qualities, particularly those of leadership, in the service of Catholic education.
- Develop policies and practice that seek to improve rather than encourage complacency.

## THE CURRICULUM

To provide a distinctive education through which the Catholic ethos permeates

- Plan, resource and teach a curriculum that enables children to grow in understanding and in the acquisition of skills, attitudes and values consistent with the Catholic vision of individuals, of society and of relationships.
- To ensure an education in accordance with the Diocesan Policy LA Policy Document 'Entitlement and Achievement', 'Christ at the Centre' and 'Every Child Matters'.
- Ensure policies and procedures and practices reflect those principles advocated by the Diocese and LA.

To provide Religious Education in accordance with the Curriculum Directory.

- Use the Curriculum Directory, supplemented by other resources as a basis for teaching and learning.
- Ensure that the importance of Religious Education is reflected in time and resources.
- Ensure that the school environment reflects the Catholicity of the school.

To identify the needs of all children and to provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum.

- Develop an effective assessment policy.

To foster interaction between the school and the wider community reaching out as witnesses to the teachings of Christ.

- Encourage the children to respond to the Gospel message.
- Encourage tolerance, respect and understanding between different faiths, cultures and traditions.

To be a living worshipping community in the Parish of Christ The King

- Seek to provide opportunities for the children to be involved in prayer, Masses and non-liturgical services that develop their spiritual life.
- Work toward mutual trust and support between home, Parish and school.

## THE SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

To develop within the school community a willingness to work together for the common good.

- Seek to develop policies that consider all those in the community.
- Seek to foster relationships that recognise that individual need cannot dictate the needs of all.

## THE BEATITUDES

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for there is the kingdom of heaven*

*Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy*

*Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for there is the king of heaven*

*Blessed are you when they insult you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me*

*Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way*