

## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### OUR SCHOOL – THE FOUNDATION TO OUR MISSION

"Something which has existed since the beginning  
that we have heard,  
and we have seen, with our own eyes;  
that we have watched  
and touched with our hands:  
the Word, Who is life -  
this is our subject.  
That life was made visible.  
We saw it and we are giving our testimony,  
telling you of the eternal life  
which was with the Father and has been made visible to us.  
What we have seen and heard  
we are telling you  
so that you too may be in union with us  
as we are in union  
with the Father  
and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

John 1 : 1-4

### THE HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS A PLACE OF PRAYER

"Where two or three are gathered in my name....."

" Be joyful - pray at all times." St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Our school is distinctive as we provide a grounding in the Catholic Faith for our children. The special character of our Catholic school is the quality of the religious teaching, integrated into the overall education of our children. Our beliefs, which are Gospel centred, affect the way we live, making our school a living example of Christ and His teachings.

We believe that all aspects of our school life are enriched by prayer and worship.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS A PLACE WHERE A COMMUNITY IS BEING CREATED

"Love one another as I have loved you" John 15 :12

As a Catholic community, we endeavour to nurture all our relationships. We try to do this by following the example and teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in and strive for all-round team commitment and mutual support and respect.

We hope to be distinguished by the quality of care, concern and support that we extend to all as we strive always to create and uphold a truly Christian Community.

We respect and value each individual and try to be sensitive to each others needs - particularly those of the less able, the least popular and anyone who may feel marginalised in any way, thus proclaiming Our Lord's teaching -

".... so far as you did this to one of the least of these children of mine, you did it to me." Matthew 25 : 40

## THE HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS A PLACE OF LEARNING

"He guides me by paths of virtue for the sake of His name."Ps.23

We feel that the whole ethos of the school is encapsulated in the Roman Catholic Church's New Code of Canon Law (1983) Canon795:-

"Education must pay regard to the formation of the whole person ..... Children are therefore to be cared for in such a way that their physical, moral and intellectual talents may develop in an harmonious way, so that they may attain a greater sense of responsibility and a right use of freedom, and be formed to take an active part in social life."

We recognise a religious dimension in all the subjects we teach.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS A PLACE WHERE WE TREASURE GOD'S WORLD

"The world is full of good things you have made." Psalm 103

We know that people and property - both personal, school and community are part of God's creation and deserve respect and careful treatment. Care of ourselves, others and all kinds of property is an expression of thanks to God for His many gifts.

"Love the Lord your God....and you neighbour as yourself."  
Luke 10:27

We try not to face inwards and concern ourselves solely with matters within our school, but strive to show care of and compassion towards the local and global environments and their peoples, believing that our school should be a "model of justice" in our world. We actively seek to be of service to the local community and beyond.

The policy is also available in the following formats, on request to the headteacher: email; enlarged print version; other formats by arrangement.

## Our School is a Catholic School



### ***We think it is special because:-***

1. We work very hard to help one another, learn about Jesus and what he taught.
2. Our teachers teach us about Jesus and the Catholic Church.
3. We believe Jesus is present in everything we do.
4. We want our school to be an example to everyone and show them the way to Jesus.
5. We believe praying really makes a difference to the way we work and treat one another. We offer our work, our behaviour, everything we do as a prayer.
6. We want to show our love for Jesus by working together.
7. We want to help all those in need both inside and outside our school.
8. We want to grow up as an example to everyone by the way we behave.
9. We believe that everything around us, people, property and the environment belong to God and by taking care of them we are saying thank you for the many gifts he has given us.
10. We want to share what we believe with everyone.

