

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Curriculum Policy

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St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Policy Statement

St Gregory's is a Catholic Primary School and as such Christian values are central to all we do.

Our mission is 'Education for Life in the Love of God and Neighbour'.

This statement and the aims following from it set out the context within which our curriculum is planned and are expressed in the introduction to this policy.

Introduction

We are committed to helping our children to grow in the 'Love of God and Neighbour' through a school curriculum that provides opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve.

We aim to do this by:

1. Creating an love of learning, through a rich and relevant curriculum, thus stimulating excellent progress and attainment
2. Supporting confidence and self-esteem through building on pupil's strengths and weaknesses.
3. Developing the ability to work independently and collaboratively
4. Encouraging an enquiring mind and the capacity to think rationally
5. Enabling pupils to think creatively, critically and to solve problems.

We aim to meet the spiritual, moral, physical and cultural needs of our children and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of life.

We aim to do this by:

1. Developing pupil's understanding of Christian values and the teaching of the Catholic Church
2. Developing respect, tolerance and an understanding of the different faiths and beliefs of others
3. Encouraging children to grow into responsible and caring citizens understanding democracy and the rule of law
4. Promoting equal opportunities and challenging discrimination
5. Helping pupils to respond to challenges and to cope with change and diversity
6. Promoting a healthy life style through developing physical skills and an awareness of how to keep themselves and others safe
7. Equipping pupils to make informed choices
8. Encouraging pupils to show respect for their environment and the people who live in their community

Our aims are strengthened by the excellent home, school and parish relationship.

School Curriculum

Our curriculum is organised in such a way that we ensure coverage of the Religious Education and National Curriculum

Religious Education

The school follows 'The Way, The Truth, The Life' as recommended by the Catholic Education Services for Lancaster Diocese.

The National Curriculum

Our unique school curriculum complies with the programmes of study set out in the National Curriculum.

Cross Curriculum Links

At St Gregory's, pupils learn, practise and refine a wide range of skills. A number of these skills are subject specific, a number are common to several subjects and others are universal.

Universal skill can be developed across the whole curriculum and are essential to effective learning.

Key Skills are recognised as follows:

- **Communication – speaking, listening, reading and writing**
- **Application of Number – children have opportunities to explore abstract maths and real life mathematical concepts**
- **Information technology – Skills progression coupled with planned resource provisions provide our children with the skills for their future.**
- **Working with others – to learn to cooperate and consider other people's thoughts/feelings**
- **Improving own learning – opportunities for pupils to reflect on and improve their own learning**
- **Problem solving – opportunities to identify, plan and solve problems.**

Thinking skills as recognised as follows:

- **Information processing, reasoning, enquiry, creative thinking and evaluation. By focussing on these skills, our children learn 'HOW' to learn as well as 'WHAT' to learn.**

PSHCE/HRSE – We provide opportunities for promoting pupil's spiritual, moral, cultural and social development in all subjects.

Health and Safety – We ensure a curriculum that is exciting and memorable by following all H&S guidelines.