

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



All Saints is educating for Unity, Responsibility,
Courage, Wisdom and Generosity

MORAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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Moral Development Policy

“Each one of you is a child of God”

Pope Francis

Moral development should help each child gain an intuitive understanding of what is right and wrong. Children are taught the process of reflecting on an event or experience and taking into account what should happen to best promote the gospel values of love, honesty and fairness. Children are encouraged to make decisions based on their own beliefs and values and recognise that other people’s may differ from their own. In essence ~ **‘What would Jesus do?’**

School encourages:

- Telling the truth
- Keeping promises
- Respecting the rights of others and property of others
- Acting considerately towards others
- Helping those less fortunate and weaker than ourselves
- Taking personal responsibility for one’s actions
- Self-discipline

School discourages:

- Bullying
- Cheating
- Deceit
- Cruelty
- Irresponsibility
- Dishonesty
- Racism

Catholic moral teaching is the teaching of what happiness is and how it can be achieved, through the ways of loving ourselves and others as shown to us by Jesus. The principles of Catholic moral teaching include:

- The dignity of the human person
- The importance of human freedom and of the common good
- A proper understanding of conscience

At All Saints’ Catholic Primary we work towards this through:

- Exploring the mission statement
- Agreeing class and playground rules
- Discussing issues through circle time and Philosophy for Children
- Reflective time in RE lessons
- Being fair and encouraging discussion when resolving conflicts

As children mature they are encouraged to empathise and learn the art of compromise. We recognise that promoting self-esteem is very important. We take every opportunity to involve the children in the decision making process. This is achieved through:

- Constantly listening to children and responding to them
- School Council
- Questionnaires to children
- Circle time