



# St Francis Catholic Primary School

## Catholic Life Policy

Head Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Governors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This document will be reviewed as required and in line with legal requirements.

## School Mission Statement

### **'I am a sign of God's love'**

*At St. Francis we love, learn and grow in the footsteps of Jesus and are active signs of God's love through praying, respecting and serving others.*

#### **PROMOTING PUPILS ACTIVE RESPONSE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL**

- Leaders at all levels value and participate in the Catholic life as expressed in the mission statement of the school.
- Leaders at all levels promote a behaviour which reflects the Catholic character of the school, knowing they are made in the image and likeness of God.
- Leaders at all levels enthusiastically embrace their active roles in their school community. As a result they lead activities which promote Catholic life and the mission of the school, working collaboratively to seek justice for all.
- Leaders at all levels understand the importance of the school chaplaincy team and are active in their support.
- Leaders at all levels are actively involved in all that the school offers them, taking full advantage in all opportunities. This results in leaders at all levels being happy and confident in their physical, emotional and spiritual growth.
- Leaders at all levels ensure that children have the appropriate information for an excellent understanding of loving relationships, and sexual development within the context of a Christian understanding of the purpose of sexual love.
- Leaders at all levels ensure all pupils have a curious understanding of what it means to have a vocation. They joyfully offer their God given gifts in the service of others.
- Leaders at all levels embrace the catholic traditions of school and are active in their communities, involving others with enthusiasm and embracing all.

#### **ENSURING HIGH QUALITY PROVISION FOR THE CATHOLIC LIFE IN OUR SCHOOL**

- Staff will ensure that all children understand the school's mission and play an active role in living it out.
- All staff actively embrace the mission of the school and strive to implement it enthusiastically across the school.
- Leaders at all levels ensure there is a strong sense of community and are eloquent in living out their faith with the whole community.
- Leaders at all levels embrace the school mission and are faith-filled in how they live this out, showing to others the schools Catholic character.
- Leaders at all levels are hopeful in promoting how to be an outstanding role model, ensuring high standards are met, where there is mutual respect and forgiveness.
- Leaders at all levels promote the importance of the school chaplaincy. They are active in developing the spiritual development of others.
- Leaders at all levels ensure they are committed to the pastoral care of children; adhering to policy and structure in school.

## **LEADERS & GOVERNORS PROMOTE, MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE PROVISION OF CATHOLIC LIFE**

- Leaders and governors promote, monitor and evaluate the provision of catholic life.
- Leaders at all levels are faith-filled in their commitment to the Church's mission in education. They give the highest priority to the catholic life of school and are active in how they live out the faith.
- Leaders at all levels play an active role in ensuring the Catholic life of school is improved, through eloquent feedback and monitoring.
- Leaders at all levels are given the appropriate CPD to ensure all stakeholders understand and are active in the school's mission. This includes parents/ carers, governors and parishioners.
- Leaders at all levels ensure the diocesan policies and initiatives are enthusiastically promoted; as a way actively living the Bishop's vision for the diocese throughout the school.

## **LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES**

This policy will be used in conjunction with the following policies:

- Religious Education Policy
- Collective Worship