

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School



Achieving our School Mission Statement

Our School Mission Statement

St Nicholas School is a welcoming Catholic Community where together, we pray, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

- * To be a welcoming community where each member is valued and respected because we are unique in the sight of God.
- * To help everyone in our School Community to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith and the person of Jesus Christ.
- * To encourage all in our school to reach their full potential within a happy, secure and stimulating Catholic environment.
- * To foster and maintain links with the home, parish and the wider community.

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Behaviour and Attitudes

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Develop good standards of behaviour based on the principles of self discipline
- Discuss and promote class rules, that each pupils will sign and agree to, which are closely linked to the Mission Statement
- Promote the Mission Statement and class rules when dealing with behaviour issues with pupils
- Foster the development of Catholic moral standards amongst our pupils and build on existing spiritual awareness
- Refer to the Mission Statement when selecting and training Peer Mediators in Key Stage Two
- Endeavour to care for every aspect of a pupils development eg spiritual, moral, emotional, physical and intellectual
- Create a caring and loving environment in which staff and pupils can work together in a spirit of Christian fellowship
- Encourage the pupils to co-operate in both work and play
- Develop the pupils' respect of others in the school, both adults and other pupils
- Provide opportunities for teachers' personal development
- Encourage teachers to support each other in pursuing common goals and to participate in Diocesan, Catholic Partnership and Curriculum courses
- Recognise that all non-teaching staff have a valuable part to play in the school community
- Be aware that all staff can be affected by external influences and pressures and may need support
- Be aware and sympathetic to the personal circumstances of families and offer support where possible.

Curriculum

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Promote the principles of the Mission Statement in school policies
- Ensure the Religious Education Strategy is implemented in each class
- Ensure that Religious Education is given a high profile within the life of the school
- Deliver the National Curriculum to ensure that the pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum

- Encourage each pupil to fulfil their potential both academically and spiritually
- By the use of encouragement and praise, help each child to develop a sense of real achievement and acquire a positive self image
- Encourage pupils to take part in a variety of extra curricular activities that are organised within the school.

Spiritual Life of the School

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Continue to follow a programme of regular whole school and class celebrations to which all parents and members of the parish community are invited
- Follow the Liturgical year in celebrating Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Feast Days and the Rosary etc
- To provide opportunities for all pupils to take part in Key Stage Celebrations, with a Spiritual emphasis, at Christmas and Easter and to ensure that parents and members of the parish and community are invited
- Provide opportunities to share and extend pupils' experiences of worship, liturgy and prayer. This will be achieved by using the Religious Education Strategy, daily class prayers and regular key stage and whole school assemblies
- Ensure that each class will provide a prayer focal point in their classroom to extend pupils' experience of prayer and to highlight its importance within the life of the school
- Provide quality materials to enhance pupils prayer experiences and liturgical celebrations throughout the year
- Prepare pupils for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, The Eucharist and Confirmation and to continue to fully involve all parents (both in the school and in the parish) and the parish in this preparation
- To give pupils opportunities for continued reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- Maintain close links between the Parish Priest, Religious Education Co-Ordinator and Headteacher and ensure regular meetings to review and improve procedures throughout the year.

The Home

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Value home/school links by encouraging full parental involvement and participation in school life eg
 - welcoming parents to whole school masses and assemblies

- welcoming parents to Liturgical celebrations at Christmas and Easter
- encouraging voluntary classroom helpers
- holding regular parent consultation evenings
- parental questionnaires
- parent and pupil comment sheets for their child's report
- monthly school newsletter
- Promote the importance of the Home - School Agreement
- Establish a warm, caring climate in our school where parents know that staff are approachable and willing to talk informally about their child's education and welfare
- Seek to develop mutual respect between staff/parents, child/parent, child/staff and parent/parent
- Be realistic and understanding in dealing with a variety of home backgrounds from which pupils come
- Encourage and support fund raising activities organised by St Nicholas' Parents and Friends Association
- Develop links to ensure that the resources purchased by St Nicholas' Parents and Friends Association are valued eg by pupils and staff thank you cards and letters, monthly newsletter, the governors noting their thanks in the AGM booklet and meeting.

The Parish

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Welcome the Parish Priest Fr Timothy and Fr David, encouraging them to get to know the pupils as individuals
- Invite parishioners to all whole school masses, Key Stage Celebrations at Christmas and Easter
- Encourage pupils to become altar servers at the weekends
- Invite parishioners to become prayer friends of pupils who are preparing for the Sacraments
- Provide displays to decorate the parish boards to show the parish work that is being undertaken in school and in preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Actively support charities that are organised within the parish eg St Vincent de Paul, CHAS, Fair Trade etc
- To provide facilities for a variety of parish events eg Lenten Fast Lunch, Parish Fair, Parish Meetings, Ecumenical Meetings
- Displaying newsletters in the front porch of the school so that parishioners can read about school life

- Promote the presentation of articles from the school and pupils in parish magazine 'The Bell'
- Encouraging parishioners to help in school
- Promote the parish Carol Service by presenting a school choir and encouraging families to attend this service
- Inviting parish families to activities organised by St Nicholas' Parents and Friends Association
- Inviting parish families taking part in Sacramental preparation to activities in school that are linked to the programme
- Inviting parish families to meetings in school concerning Secondary Transfer arrangements.

The Wider Community

To achieve our Mission Statement the school will:

- Enhance further the partnership between home/school/parish extending into the wider community and beyond
- Be actively involved in group activities with other schools and organisations eg Sutton Sports, Catholic Sports, North Birmingham Orchestra, North Birmingham Choir
- Support various charities through the parish, Catholic Partnership, other Christian Churches and the wider community
- Welcome visits from representatives from the various charities that the pupils support
- Welcome visits from the Parish Priest, members of the Governing Body, Police Liaison Officer, Librarians, nurses, doctors etc
- Recognise the need to prepare pupils for a life in a multicultural society, fostering respect, tolerance, and understanding of all races and creeds
- Recognise the need for mutual respect and the uniqueness of the individual, appreciating that each person has a valuable contribution to make
- Develop the pupils' respect for parents and other adults
- Continue to encourage a spirit of co-operation and support among adult members of the community eg teaching/non-teaching staff, parents, governors, and regular visitors
- Continue to encourage pupils to spread their Faith by having articles published in parish and local publications.