



St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

2021-2022

Executive Principal - Mr Neil Porter

My Vision for St. Nicholas



Jesus, The Church and the Gospel teachings at Mass are the **HEART** of our school not just **PART** of our school and like everything without a heart, it will die if we don't help it live, grow and get stronger! **FAITH** is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead!

At our school we will prove our faith by showing you our good deeds!

Lord of all peoples, let me carry a smile to everybody I meet today.

Amen.

As a Head Teacher entering into my eighth year as leader, I aim to continue the good work started by the previous leadership team; strengthening our school's Catholic Ethos, creating a way of living, behaving and doing based on common values and a shared vision of life, visible daily in school, radiating outwards to our homes, families and Parish community. The staff, children and parents will demonstrate Christ-like behaviour towards each other. We are promoting **Catholic Virtues** and **British Values** under direction of the Arch-diocese and Government looking to instil a feeling of what it means to be **Grateful, Generous, Attentive, Discerning, Compassionate, Loving, Eloquent, Truthful, Learned, Wise, Curious, Active, Intentional, Prophetic, Hopeful and Faith-filled** – growing and living as Christ intended.

My specific aims for this year come directly from feedback received in the parent questionnaires returned:

- Promote mental health wellbeing where pupils know how to make good choices and maintain a physically active and mentally healthy lifestyle. Focus on strategies to ensure effective return to education following COVID-19.
- Improve the Key Stage 1 outdoor play environment to make it safe for all our Infant children at playtime and lunchtime. Working collaboratively with the PFA to develop the playground facilities appropriately.
- Embedding the use of up to date ICT technology and the computing curriculum now that we have invested in new hardware. Training teachers and pupils to get the most effective use out of the technology we have to support their learning and the curriculum.
- Improve outcomes for pupils with Special Educational Needs or those considered Disadvantaged to ensure that they make appropriate progress and achieve well.
- Develop the 'whole child' through our broad and balanced wider school curriculum to be as creative and fulfilling for all pupils regardless of ability. Making learning fun in all areas, not just English and Maths.

I will continue with my high expectations of behaviour and high academic standards of achievement, improving teaching and learning to ultimately improve pupil attainment. The culture of risk and challenge, for staff and pupils, encouraging independence and innovation to give our children the best learning experience possible will continue as we implement and embed a comprehensive school curriculum design, with clarity of **Intent, Implementation** and a desired **Impact**. We have designed our own school curriculum model with creative learning topics which ensure detailed coverage of the National Curriculum learning objectives and expectations. Sport, music, art and ICT continue to be big passions of mine and will play an important part in my leadership; the development of the whole child, enabling them to be successful in any area of the curriculum, is my goal.

Children will still be encouraged to aspire higher – become;

- **Bigger!** (Think bigger, improve brain power, change mind-sets),
- **Better!** (Higher attainment and achievement, greater success),
- **Faster!** (Accelerated progress, get there quicker, move onto new learning),
- **Stronger!** (More resilient, braver, take risks and make mistakes) at anything they put their mind to, regardless of ability or circumstances!

Through my leadership I will bring the knowledge and values I stand for, inspired by Christ's teachings, to live the school and Catholic mission. Opportunity is missed by most people because it looks like hard work but I'm going to bring that hard working attitude to give all staff and pupils the opportunity to succeed. My personality and leadership style will be evident on a daily basis through my actions and, if necessary, words.

Let's see what we can achieve together this year!