



St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Executive Principal - Mr Neil Porter

My Vision for St. Nicholas 2023-2024



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 tenth year as leader, I aim to continue the good work started; strengthening our Catholic Life, Mission & Ethos, creating a way of living, behaving and doing based on diocesan virtues and Catholic Social Teaching promoting 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 during inspection our questionnaires:

- Explore and embed the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) which calls us all to work for the common good of all and care for the world God has created for us. Our CAFOD Live Simply work will support this.
- Promote mental health wellbeing where pupils know how to make good choices and maintain a physically active and mentally healthy lifestyle.
- Improve the outdoor play environment to make it safe and fun for all children at playtime and lunchtime. Working collaboratively with the PFA to develop the playground facilities appropriately.
- Improve our Universal 'Quality First Teaching' offer to ensure all pupils are exposed to a broad and balanced curriculum which allows them to make good progress in all areas.
- Achieve consistent outcomes for pupils with Special Educational Needs or those considered Disadvantaged to ensure that they make appropriate progress and achieve well.
- Refine our school curriculum offer to ensure adequate time is spent deepening pupils understanding of knowledge, key skills and concepts

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 an effective school curriculum design, with clarity of **Intent, Implementation** and a desired **Impact**. We have designed our own school curriculum with creative learning which ensures 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 though my actions and words.

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