



ST CHARLES' CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MORAL DEVELOPMENT
POLICY

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Our Mission at St Charles' Catholic Primary School is to...
LOVE, LEARN, GROW TOGETHER

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Rationale

At St Charles' Catholic Primary School, we recognise that moral development is an intrinsic part of every child's education. The promotion of a child's moral development provides the framework for children to build their own understanding of the world and to make suitable decisions. At St Charles' Catholic Primary School, we view moral education as a process of decision making based on conscience, self-awareness and freedom to take on responsibility. Our understanding of morality is rooted in the willingness of an individual to see his or her own good in relation to that of others and through generous self-giving, to the true fullness of life.

“The Lord Jesus came to live among us in order to show us the Father's love. His ultimate sacrifice testifies to his love for his friends. And the Lord's new commandment is at the centre of our faith: **‘This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you’**. John 15:12

At St Charles' Catholic Primary School, we acknowledge that our approach to moral development will be a process that allows a child to gain a sense of the greater good and of what is right and wrong. We endeavour to promote an awareness of conscience that is how our inner responses can form the foundation of moral decision making. It is also paramount that the children in our care are made aware of the scope and the complexity of morality; the need to be well informed, to think rationally and impartially across the curriculum about moral issues and experience the use of values in the process of making moral decisions.

Purpose

To ensure that pupils understand the difference between right and wrong and the importance of striving to do right. This understanding will:

- Inform pupils' thinking and actions and help them exercise their will in resisting temptation
- Prompt the constant attempt to become a better person
- Increase fellow feeling and the willingness to make an effort to understand others
- Build pupils' respect for themselves, others, their society and their environment
- Enable pupils to engage in effective moral reasoning
- Help pupils see that weakness, failure and fault belong to the human condition, but we should try to overcome them

Practice

Developing a child's morality is the responsibility of the whole school community. At St Charles' Catholic Primary School, we address morality explicitly through:

- The teaching of Come and See
- The implementation and delivery of Journey in Love
- The sharing and teaching of our Mission
- Sacramental Preparation
- Collective Worship
- Opportunities for spiritual development
- PHSE and RSHE
- Reward assemblies and conscious praise
- Questioning and exploring the meaning of existence
- Cross-curricular activities including drama and role play
- The teaching of other faiths
- After school and extra-curricular activities

Moral development is promoted implicitly through the fostering of our **HEARTS** school values including:

- Honesty
- Empathy
- Achievements
- Respect
- Togetherness
- Safety