

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
HINDLEY GREEN



CURRICULUM STATEMENT

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to put our Catholic faith at the centre of everything we do

to value and respect each individual to inspire a love of learning

harness a natural curiosity to develop a thirst for knowledge

to prepare our children for opportunities and responsibilities in the adult world

To share our talents at the heart of the local and wider community

Finally We will cherish the Christian values of forgiveness, love, care and respect for others, especially the more vulnerable, encouraging a love of learning and a zest for life.

We believe in education, at home and at school, as a route to spiritual, moral, social, cultural, physical and mental development, and thus the wellbeing of our children.

Education is also a route to equality of opportunity for all. We need to value ourselves, our families, our parish and community, and the environment in which we live.

Education must also enable us to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of the rapidly changing world in which we live and work.

In particular, we need to be prepared to engage as individuals, parents, workers and citizens with economic, social and cultural change, and with the rapid expansion of communication technologies.

Our taught curriculum and the experiences which we make available for the children aim to ensure that they are healthy, safe and enjoy and achieve as they become good citizens for the community.

“Grow in the spirit of love and learning”

Aims for the School Curriculum

The key questions in building a curriculum relate to 'breadth' and 'balance'. In the words of the Education Reform Act, a curriculum is balanced and broadly based if it:

- (a) promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school, and of society; and*
- (b) Prepares such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of adult life.*

It is not always practicable, or appropriate, to provide a balanced curriculum over a short period of time, but all subject areas will be given adequate coverage over the period of a school year.

If we are to respond effectively to these values and purposes, we need to work in collaboration with families, parish and our local community, including voluntary groups, local agencies and business, in seeking to achieve two broad aims, through our curriculum.

1. Our school curriculum aims to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and to achieve.
2. Our school curriculum aims to develop enjoyment of, and commitment to, learning as a means of encouraging and stimulating the best possible progress and highest attainment for all our pupils. By providing varied experiences for pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills, our curriculum aims to enable pupils to think creatively and critically, to solve problems, and to make a difference for the better. It also develops their physical skills and encourages them to recognise the importance of pursuing a healthy lifestyle and keeping themselves and others safe.
3. Our school curriculum aims to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and, in particular, develop strategies for distinguishing between right and wrong. It develops their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their own and different beliefs and cultures. It promotes equal opportunities and enables pupils to challenge discrimination and stereotyping. It develops their awareness and understanding of, and respect for, the environments in which they live.
4. Our school curriculum aims to promote pupils' self-esteem and emotional wellbeing and help them to form and maintain worthwhile and satisfying relationships, based on respect for themselves and for others, at home, school, work and in our community.

Core Areas Of Learning

The primary curriculum will include the core areas of learning and experience, which are essential to the children's development.

These are:

- Religious Education; as a Catholic school, RE has an allocation of 10% time in our curriculum and is a core subject.
- Relationships and Sex Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Design and Technology
- Computing
- History
- Geography
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education and Citizenship
- French