



St Joseph's RC Primary School, Ramsbottom

Living our Catholic faith through Word, Witness, Welcome, Worship and Welfare

(5Ws)

MISSION STATEMENT

"There are 3 things that last: Faith, Hope and Love. Love one another as I have loved you."

Our school is proud to be part of the Roman Catholic community in the Parish of St Joseph's, Ramsbottom. Our school has a distinctive character, because everything we do is based on the values of the Gospel. The purpose of our community is to recognise the worth and dignity of all and to fully develop the talents of each person."

RATIONALE

Our fundamental aim at St Joseph's is to assist pupils in their personal faith journey by providing an education for all our children in which the spirit of Christ permeates the whole life of the school. As our mission statement suggests, "It is the role of the school to work actively in partnership with parents to foster the spiritual, educational, social and personal development of all our children". Everything that the school teaches is centred on its Self-Evaluation Framework of the 5W's, which are Word, Worship, Welcome, Welfare and Witness.

BACKGROUND/ HISTORY

This fivefold model of a Christian community is applicable to all Catholic Schools and is based on the 5 ministries of the Early Christian Church.

Koinonia (communion) - a Welcoming Community;

Kerygma (teaching) - a Word of God Community;

Leitourgia (divine worship) - a Worshipping Community;

Diakonia (loving service) - a Welfare Community;

Marturia (giving witness) - a Witnessing Community.

ST JOSEPH'S 5Ws

At St Joseph's we work together to enable each person to use their unique God given gifts in the love and service of both God and others.

WELCOME

We welcome one another as the Lord welcomes us.

WORD

We spread the word of God in our school community.

WELFARE

We reach out to our brothers and sisters near and far.

WITNESS

We are witnesses to our mission statement - showing love, faith and hope.

WORSHIP

We pray together as a family of God.

PUPIL VOICE

WELCOME

We welcome all of our visitors (Isabel)

We welcome others like we would want to be welcomed (Joshua)

We welcome all new people to our school (Tamsin)

We welcome our visitors by saying hello and talking to them (Vivia)

We welcome people into our lives like Jesus welcomes all (Tyler)

We welcome people so they feel happy (Emma)

WORD

We respect the word of God (Joshua)

We listen to the word of God and we speak the word of God (Dwayne)

We learn about the word of God (Tamsin)

We see the word of God on the front of our books (Emily)

Jesus told us to spread the word of God (Ophelia)

We follow the word of God (Emma)

WELFARE

We reach out to others if they are alone or upset, we comfort them. (Emily)

We give to food banks and raise money for charities (Vivia)

We take care of people if they hurt themselves (Isabel)

We care for our friends, family and the elderly (Joshua)

We give to the poor (Dwayne)

We care for people when they are lonely or need help (Tamsin)

We all look after the world (Dominic)

We look after people who are at the friendship bench (Ophelia)

WITNESS

We welcome everybody! (Ophelia)

We have school rules to help us to be a witness to God's word (Tamsin)

We follow in God's footsteps (Emily)

We forgive others just as Jesus would (Vivia)

We make the right choices (Nicholas)

We follow our school rules (Emma)

WORSHIP

We go to church, we pray and sing hymns together to worship God (Isabel)

We have class masses and assemblies to worship God (Joshua)

We worship God with our prayer buddies (Dwayne)

We say prayers, sing hymns and have class masses (Tamsin)

We worship God when we pray in school and in church at different times in the year (Emily)

We pray to God (Nicholas)