

### **St Joseph's Mission Statement**

Our school is proud to be part of the Roman Catholic Church in the parish of St Joseph's. Our mission is to serve God, uphold the worth and dignity of every person and enable them to develop their talents. Everything we do is rooted in the values of the Gospel, as we seek to deepen faith, strengthen hope and grow in love in a respectful, safe and happy environment.

### **St Joseph's Culture Statement**

If we do nothing else today, we will show  
Love, Faith and Hope.

The most important things we must ensure today, are that our children learn, are safe and are happy.

### **Sacramental Programme**

The Salford Diocese Sacramental Programme runs in our School/ Parish for children in Year 3 (and above).

The programme helps to assist parents/ carers to prepare their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (First Holy Communion), and later Confirmation.

If you would like any information about the Sacramental Programme, please contact Mrs Moncado.

### **Prayer Buddies**

Children from different classes/ Key stages are paired together at the beginning of the year as Prayer Buddies. Throughout the year, they meet regularly to pray together and develop their faith as children of God.

### **Community Links**

With the support of our Pupil Chaplains we support local, national and international charities throughout the year, e.g. Caritas Diocese of Salford, CAFOD and St Joseph's Penny.

Throughout the year we welcome visitors from CAFOD, Holy Cross College, our local parish and our Parish priest, Father Frank Thorpe.

### **Impact**

- Each individual child will grow in the image and likeness of God and develop their God given gifts and talents to the full
- They will develop their own personal faith, learn about the faith of others and receive a broad and balanced curriculum which is centred around Christ.
- Children will live out the 5Ws in all that they do in line with the Self- Evaluation Framework.



# **Religion**



There are 3 things that last: Faith, Hope and Love.



### **Intent**

#### **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.

#### **Aims**

1. To develop the concept that Religious Education is a partnership between home, school and Parish.
2. To develop knowledge and understanding of the 5Ws and how they form a basis for our everyday actions
3. To help and encourage the children and their families to appreciate, understand and actively participate in the Liturgical and Sacramental life of the Church.
4. To help the children to respect their fellow human beings and treat them accordingly.
5. To provide the children with a living, worshipping community, thereby helping them to enter into the full life of the Church
6. To help the children develop into mature Christian adults, with a clear understanding of moral values.

#### **Non- negotiables** (followed by staff throughout the year)

- Timetable should show that Religion is being taught for 10% of the week- 2 x 1 hour lessons and 1 x ½ hour lesson (KS2), 2 x 1 hour lessons and 1 x 20 minute lesson (KS1).
- Plan using 'Come and See' scheme and support with other resources. Explore (1 week), Reveal (2 weeks), Respond (1 week). All content MUST be covered; questions and activities are there as a guide.
- Any work in books should have clear WALTs- use level indicators and learning focuses as a guide.
- Work should be marked in line with the school marking policy and children must have time to respond to marking.
- Each unit of work should be assessed using the level descriptors and recorded on the Religion Tracker. Termly assessments will take place three times a year with a whole school theme. Keep all assessment data in your RE Assessment Folder.
- Collective worship should take place on a regular basis and children should have opportunities to plan and lead this time of worship.
- Displays should be changed in class on a regular basis in line with each Come and See topic. Hall displays will have a whole school theme.
- Organise times for prayer buddies to meet on regular occasions.
- Use knowledge organisers for each unit.
- Encourage all children from EYF5 to Y6 to be proactive in developing their responsibility and commitment to the pursuit of the common good (e.g. initiate and share fundraising ideas; share acts of kindness locally, nationally and globally etc.)

### **Our RE Curriculum**

Religion at St Joseph's underpins all that we do. Jesus was our first teacher and we follow in his footsteps.

For Religion lessons, our teachers use the Come and See scheme (a Catholic Primary Religious Education programme for Foundation and Key Stages 1 and 2) to plan and deliver quality Religion lessons.

The scheme is based on the theological foundations of the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Catechism and the revised RE Curriculum Directory and includes the Catholic attainment levels. Children learn about different World Religions in order to develop understanding and respect for other faiths in our community

### **Prayer and Worship**

We aim to assist the children of St Joseph's school to nourish their Faith and develop a deep, personal relationship with God through regular opportunities for prayer and worship. Regular masses, linked to the school and the Church's timetable, are held.

All parents and parishioners are invited to attend. School Masses are celebrated by the parish priest at St Joseph's. Class Masses are celebrated by the Parish Priest in school or at Church with the pupils and parents of the class. We provide opportunities for children in the class to plan and deliver times of prayer and worship for their class and for other classes. Pupils are encouraged to write their own Prayers or Hymns for assemblies throughout the school.

### **Pupil Chaplains (GIFT Team)**

*GIFT: Growing In Faith Together*

We have a dedicated team of Pupil Chaplains who work together to support the Catholic Life of our School.

They provide support in the delivery of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils across the curriculum.

### **Moderation**

The RE subject leader carries out regular monitoring throughout the year including: - pupil book reviews, learning walks, pupil interviews and lesson observations. The RE lead also moderates as part of a cluster with local schools and the Salford Diocese Primary Lead. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) also monitor RE in line with the School Improvement Plan. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford carry out Section 48 inspections for all Catholic schools within the diocese.

St Joseph's latest report (November 2019):  
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