

# Haydock English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

## Moral Education Policy *"Lighting the flame for life-long learning"*

"To encourage the personal, social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of children within the context of the Catholic ethos, whilst nurturing a respect and understanding of other cultures and beliefs." (School Aim taken from The Mission Statement)

### Aims and Objectives - Intent

At Haydock English Martyrs' we aim to create a community where the values of love, freedom, and justice are actively upheld and demonstrated.

We believe that **every** member of staff plays a part in the moral development of our children. The ethos at English Martyrs' encourages the development of a positive moral base in our dealings with everyone and the way in which we treat the world around us.

In order to encourage pupils' moral development at English Martyrs' we will:

- Give pupils opportunities to develop a sense of morality in relation to self, others, local and world issues; to choice and decision making; to decide what they hold as right and wrong, and why and how they should act.
- Provide opportunities to develop self awareness, self respect, self confidence, self discipline, self control, self reliance and responsibility.
- Teach and encourage the values of tolerance, respect for others and their property, truthfulness, compassion, co-operation, sensitivity and love.
- Promote measures to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age and other criteria.
- Provide a safe learning environment where pupils can express their views and practice moral decision making.
- Develop understanding about individual and community rights, duties and responsibilities, war and peace, human rights and environmental issues.
- Recognise and respect the codes and morals of the different cultures represented in the school and the wider community.

- Model the Catholic values that we wish to promote – fairness, integrity, respect for others, pupil welfare, respect for minority interests, resolution of conflict, keeping promises and contracts.

## Implementation

At English Martyrs' the School's Mission Statement is at the centre of all we do. The core values of the school reflect those of the Gospel, and we encourage the children to live out these values in everyday life. We recognise that moral development can be promoted in a variety of curriculum areas, alongside Come and See. These include RSHE, Literacy and Science.

Moral development is promoted throughout the day in the following ways:

- Class and playground rules
- Circle time
- Modelling fairness and discussion when dealing with behaviour incidents
- Rewarding good behaviour during assemblies and praise in the classroom

Our school Behaviour Management Policy highlights a positive approach to encouraging good behaviour. The School Rules and Class Charter also gives the child the understanding of which positive behaviour pattern they should have chosen. Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions.

Just as we encourage the children to express regret for inappropriate behaviour and do something positive like "making up", we believe that adults should also admit mistakes, say sorry and show forgiveness, giving the children positive role models to follow.

Within Collective Worship (Prayer and Liturgy) pupils are given the opportunity to think and reflect on the message from scripture and how that message can impact and influence their lives.

## Resources

At English Martyrs' we have a range of books, bibles, posters and music to support learning which include Everyone Welcome resources. School also makes use of CAFOD and Mission Together resources.