

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School



Spiritual Development Policy 2017-2019

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Mission Statement

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School is striving to be an inspiring and aspirational learning community, following the example of Jesus

St Nicholas' Catholic Primary School**Policy for Spiritual Education and Development**

The staff and governors of St Nicholas' believe that spiritual education and development of children is an ongoing, lifelong process. Children under our care hopefully will never stop developing spiritually.

We believe that spirituality is not simply based upon religion, prayers, the Church and Catholicism. You cannot see it or touch it. It is something that you feel inside and when you are at St Nicholas' Catholic Primary School. It is not the body part of our being; it is holiness, imagination and empathy with others.

Spiritual learning and development is promoted by all governors, staff, parents and children through the ethos of our school. The staff and children live out their spirituality in whole school assemblies, Collective Worship, prayer time, circle time and links with the local community.

We regard knowledge of other people's faiths, hopes and beliefs as very important.

Our Evaluation Criteria

Spiritual education is to be evaluated by the extent to which the school provides opportunities for pupils:

- To acquire insights into their personal existence
- To make sense of their and others' life experiences
- To foster a sense of wonder, awe, reverence and imagination about themselves and the world
- To develop the human capacity to go beyond physical reality
- To develop a sense of the presence of God in their lives
- To reflect and respond in a way appropriate to themselves to this presence
- To become familiar with the life, words and actions of the saints, significant Christians and other inspirational people
- To hear of how people of other faiths respond to the spiritual dimension of life and to recognise our similarities

Spirituality is the need to celebrate ourselves because everybody is different and everybody is at a different stage of their spiritual journey of life.

To touch or reach someone is to confirm their importance to the membership of the family of the Church.