



# All Saints Catholic High School

## Spiritual & Moral Development Policy

*"We will provide a Christian Education for all pupils based on the teachings of Jesus and the Spirit of the Gospels. The whole life of the school will be determined by the Gospel Values of Love and Justice. We will always value and care for all members of the All Saints Community according to their needs, and will affirm and nurture the development of all"*

**School Mission Statement**

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## Introduction

This policy is intended to outline the significant contribution All Saints RC High School makes to the Spiritual and Moral development of its students. This policy will outline the following:

1. Aims of Spiritual and Moral Development
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## Aims, Spiritual and Moral Development in All Saints RC High

At All Saints we follow the teachings of Jesus and have the courage to live and learn together showing love and respect for each other. To nurture every aspect of the individual child's personhood, we develop each unique dimension of the individual:

- Socially
- Emotionally
- Intellectually
- Physically
- Culturally
- Morally
- Spiritually

We do this by:

- Encouraging them to have aspirations and reach their full potential, John 10:10 'I have come that you may have life in abundance''
- Developing firm partnerships with parents, carers and local parishes.
- Celebrating their place within the local, wider and global communities.

Each and every aspect of the communities work on Spiritual and Moral development will be guided by the Gospel values of love and justice as reflected in the mission statement of our school.

## Roles and responsibilities for Spiritual and Moral Development:

### A. Head Teacher

- Act as the icon of Christ as the spiritual and moral leader of the school.
- Line manage the Director of Catholic Life
- Report to Governors on all aspects of Spiritual and Moral development.

## B. Director of Catholic Life

- Formulate the whole school Spiritual and Moral Development Policy.
- Report to Governors on all aspects of Spiritual and Moral development via 'Headteacher's Report to Governors'.
- Report to local Clergy on all aspects of Spiritual and Moral development via 'Clergy Meetings':
  - September
  - January
  - April
- Advise SLT on issues relating Spiritual and Moral development.
- Represent the school at Archdiocese meetings relating to Spiritual and Moral development.
- Lead all aspects of the school's spiritual programme for students and Continued Spiritual Development programme for staff.

## C. Senior Leadership Team

- Line manage relevant Pastoral Teams and quality assure their work on Spiritual and Moral development.

## D. Directors of Learning

- Formulate curricula that reflect every opportunity to engage students in Spiritual and Moral development.

## E. Progress Leaders

- Oversea/QA the work of their Pastoral Teams with regard to Spiritual and Moral development.

## F. Form Tutors

- Work within the Spiritual and Moral development policy to support the on-going Spiritual and Moral development of their students.

## **Spiritual Development Intent Statement**

Spiritual education helps pupils to acquire insights into their personal existence which are of enduring worth. It is characterised by reflection, the attribution of meaning to experience, valuing a non-material spiritual dimension of personhood and intimations of an enduring reality. Through developing the inner life and deep insight into the nature of reality and the belief that all knowledge comes from and is directed to the divine, all areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular life of All Saints RC High School may contribute to pupils' spiritual development.

It is our intent that Spiritual development, at All Saints RC High, will be concerned with how an individual acquires personal beliefs and values, especially on questions about religion, whether life has purpose, and the basis for personal and social behaviour questions which are "at the heart and root of

existence". It is therefore also about what a school provides – through its curriculum, extra-curricular programme, through Collective Worship, through its ethos and climate – to help individuals to make sense of these questions, and about what it does to help 'form' pupils' response to life and to various forms of experience, or even to ultimate questions about the universe, life, love, beauty and purpose.

## **Implementation of Spiritual Development**

At All Saints RC High School, we aim to encourage children to develop the following through the implementation of the entire curriculum and extra-curricular programme of the school. These together with a robust and holistic Chaplaincy programme provide a plurality of opportunities for students to grow and develop their inner life and experience the fullness of their Catholic faith.

In addition to the opportunities planned across the curriculum extra-curricular programme to develop individual spirituality every opportunity to develop a spiritual awareness will be made available, for example, through the use of higher order thinking and the promotion of challenging questions, which enable the students to consider the spiritual dimension of life. Thus Spiritual development will be implemented through:

- Our daily act of collective worship
- Weekly assemblies
- Liturgy
- Eucharist
- Retreat
- Pilgrimage
- Alms and Charitable giving
- Eco School

No opportunity will be wasted develop the individual's spiritual dimension.

## **Moral Development Intent Statement**

The intent of moral education and development in All Saints is to develop within our community individuals who have a sense of morality. We take the following as a working definition of moral education:

"Moral education helps pupils to acquire knowledge, understanding, intentions, attitudes and behaviour in relation to what is right or wrong".

Through planning opportunities to develop students morally, our students pupils should become more able to explore the place of reason in ethical matters and, as autonomous moral agents, acquire value systems, which are their own (rather than simply transmitted by others and accepted uncritically), together with the understanding that their behaviour and actions should derive from these beliefs and values.

All Saints RC High School can do much to encourage young people in their moral development by providing them with a moral framework within which to operate and, as they mature, by helping them to decide what they hold as right and wrong, why they do so and how they should act – that is, they should behave well, in accordance with a moral code.

Our basic moral maxim is best illustrated by Christ in Matthew 7-12 'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' and Matthew 22- 39 "Love your neighbour as yourself.' These two key pieces of scripture will guide our moral purpose and teach the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil in a social context. Moral development, therefore, is about a growing awareness of, and a positive response to, the demands of living as an individual with others in the community. Our school, therefore, forms young hearts and minds in how they can consider how they can live as an individual human being and, of course, a teacher can best develop in his or her unique way within an identifiable Catholic community.

Therefore the educational mission of the Church is at heart of our programme of moral development and brings to life Christ's new commandment John 13-34 'that you love one another as I have loved you'.

Our mission statement affirms that as a school all that we do will be guided by the gospel values of love and justice. Love and justice are the guiding moral maxims that will direct all that we hold to be moral and worthy of developing in our youngsters. Key principles that will be explicitly and implicitly developed across our community are:

- Acceptance
- Charity
- Hope
- Forgiveness
- Freedom
- Respect
- Relationships

## Implementation of Moral Development

Moral development is implemented through the entire school curriculum and extra-curricular life of the school. There will be opportunities to explicitly develop our students morally through the core curriculum and through lessons in: citizenship, PSHE. A significant aspect of the schools Collective Worship and Assembly programme is designed to promote moral development.

Moral development is also promoted Implicitly, through actions, relationships and unspoken expectations. And by example, through the way adults interact with each other and pupils. Moreover students will be developed morally through school structures, systems, processes and rules, which are based on the gospel values of love and justice.

In addition the Chaplaincy programme the school develops the moral health of our students through:

- Charitable giving and Alms by promoting the work of:
  1. CAFOD
  2. The LiveSimply Award
  3. Eco School Group
  4. Kirkby Food Bank
  5. SVP
- Retreat
- Pilgrimage

## Impact of Spiritual and Moral Development

Whilst not exhaustive the basic impact of spiritual development should be seen in the students ability to:

Year Group	Forms of Prayer & Worship
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Making the Sign of the Cross</li> <li>❖ Being still</li> <li>❖ Listening to scripture</li> <li>❖ Reading from scripture</li> <li>❖ Singing hymns</li> <li>❖ Responding to scripture at a level appropriate to their age</li> <li>❖ Attending Liturgy</li> <li>❖ Eucharist - Year 7 Mass of Welcome</li> <li>❖ Retreat</li> <li>❖ Service of Reconciliation</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Making the Sign of the Cross</li> <li>❖ Being still for an extended period of time</li> <li>❖ Listening to scripture</li> <li>❖ Reading from scripture</li> <li>❖ Singing hymns</li> <li>❖ Responding to scripture at a level appropriate to their age</li> <li>❖ Attending Liturgy</li> <li>❖ Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation</li> <li>❖ Retreat</li> <li>❖ Service of Reconciliation</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Making the Sign of the Cross</li> <li>❖ Being still for an extended period of time leading to more contemplative experiences of prayer</li> <li>❖ Listening to scripture</li> <li>❖ Reading from scripture</li> <li>❖ Singing hymns</li> <li>❖ Responding to scripture at a level appropriate to their age</li> <li>❖ Retreat</li> <li>❖ Pilgrimage</li> <li>❖ Eucharist</li> </ul>
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In terms of moral development students who are developing morally will be increasingly:

- View all people as their 'neighbour.
- Place the moral teachings of Jesus and the Church into the context of their actions at an age appropriate level.'
- Aware of the dangers of acting against their conscience.
- Willing to understand and take into account the beliefs, feelings, emotions and experiences of others.
- Prepared to engage in self-examination, aware of the attractions of self deception.
- Able to deal effectively with moral conflict and temptation.
- Willing to make an effort to understand and where necessary forgive themselves and others.

They will also be acquiring:

- A knowledge and understanding of shared values and moral rules.
- A determination to obey these rules.
- The belief that others should obey these rules.
- The ability to think and reason for themselves.

## Monitoring and Quality Assurance of Spiritual and Moral Development

Spiritual and Moral development will be monitored and quality assured through:

- Whole School MER programme
- Celeration (Observations) of Collective Worship
- Link-Governor Meetings
- Section 48 Inspection
- Students Voice