



## **St Ann's R.C. Primary School Curriculum Policy**

At St Ann's R.C. Primary School, our curriculum is founded on our Catholic faith, designed to provide a comprehensive education that nurtures the intellectual, spiritual, moral, and social growth of every child. We recognise that each child is a unique creation of God, and we strive to develop the whole person by fostering both academic excellence and the core Christian values of love, respect, and service to others.

### **Curriculum Overview**

Our curriculum is structured around the requirements of the National Curriculum, ensuring that all subject areas are covered in a broad, balanced, and engaging way. We aim to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become compassionate, responsible, and knowledgeable individuals who contribute positively to society. Our curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity; support the children to develop lifelong learning habits; and reflects the teachings of the Catholic Church at every stage.

### **Key Features of Our Curriculum**

#### **1. Faith-Centred Learning**

At the heart of our curriculum is Religious Education, grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to create an environment where faith is nurtured through prayer, worship, and service to others. All subjects are taught in a way that encourages moral values and fosters an understanding of the dignity of every person. This approach ensures that children grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith while also developing their intellectual and personal abilities.

#### **2. Broad, Balanced, and Engaging Education**

Our curriculum covers all areas of learning, including English, mathematics, science, the arts, physical education, and humanities. By integrating the National Curriculum objectives with Catholic teachings, we provide a well-rounded education that prepares students for the challenges of the future. We emphasise the development of creativity and problem-solving skills, aiming to foster a love of learning across all subjects.

#### **3. Skills Development and Progression**

We recognise the importance of skill development in addition to knowledge acquisition. Each subject area is carefully designed to build on prior learning, ensuring that students progress in their understanding and abilities year after year. Our curriculum ensures that children's learning is progressive and cumulative, enabling them to develop the competencies they need to succeed.

#### **4. Inclusive and Adapted Learning**

Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all learners. We recognise and celebrate the diversity within our school community and aim to create a learning environment that is adaptive to the individual needs of every child. We adapt our teaching to accommodate different learning styles and provide support where necessary, ensuring that all students can access and thrive in their learning journey.

#### **5. Holistic Development**

Education at St Ann's R.C. Primary School goes beyond academic achievement. We believe in

the formation of the whole child—intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Our curriculum promotes emotional and social growth alongside academic learning, helping children build character and a sense of purpose. We aim to instil values such as empathy, resilience, and responsibility, preparing students for both academic success and active, compassionate participation in their communities.

**6. Partnership with Families and the Parish**

We view education as a shared responsibility between the school, families, and the parish. We encourage open communication and collaboration with parents, ensuring that they are actively involved in their child’s learning journey. By fostering a strong relationship between home, school, and parish, we can provide a consistent and supportive environment that helps children flourish in all aspects of their development.

**7. Lifelong Learning**

At St Ann’s Primary School, we aim to foster a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. We believe in nurturing curiosity and inspiring a sense of wonder about the world. Our curriculum is designed not only to prepare students for the next stage of their education but also to instil a sense of responsibility and service to others that will guide them throughout their lives.

**Curriculum Development Process**

The development of our curriculum reflects our commitment to providing an education that meets the needs of all our students while remaining true to the values of our Catholic faith. The process began with a thorough review of the National Curriculum objectives, ensuring alignment with the statutory requirements and the skills needed to support students' development.

We then carefully identified the key skills and progression for each subject area, ensuring that learning builds year-on-year and that there is a clear focus on skills development. Units of work were designed to be engaging and reflective of both academic standards and Catholic values, integrating opportunities for moral and spiritual growth alongside intellectual development.

The curriculum is continually reviewed and updated to ensure it remains responsive to the needs of our students and is reflective of current best practices in education. Teachers play an integral role in shaping and delivering the curriculum, using their expertise to adapt and differentiate lessons, ensuring all students are appropriately challenged and supported.

**Conclusion**

Our curriculum at St. Ann’s R.C. Primary School reflects our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and dynamic environment where all students can grow in faith, knowledge, and character. By aligning with the National Curriculum objectives and integrating Catholic values, we aim to prepare students for success in all areas of their lives—academically, socially, morally, and spiritually. We seek to develop children who are not only academically proficient but also compassionate, responsible, and active members of their communities, ready to make a positive contribution to the world around them.