



Aims of our School

Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do at St Mary and St Benedict. They underpin our teaching and learning, and create the ethos which prepares our pupils to be happy and confident citizens. At St. Mary and St. Benedict we provide an education which focuses on the formation of the whole person and on our vocation and purpose in life. We are guided by the Christian values of honourable purpose (that is, vocation and service), respect, compassion, co-operation and stewardship as we reflect on our place and purpose in the world. We place a significant emphasis on the celebration of individuality and difference within our communities and our calling to work for the Common Good, in the service of others. Our Catholic ethos, which includes explicit reference to Christian and British values, makes a tangible difference to the way we work together and with our wider communities.

<p>To develop our children's spiritual, social, moral and cultural growth within a caring Catholic environment where life is centred around Christ's teachings.</p>	<p>To achieve this all staff and pupils will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work together to build a Christian Catholic community within the school and appreciate each person's contribution to every aspect of school life - encourage and foster mutual respect towards each other by being polite and understanding, and respectful of the beliefs of others - create a welcoming atmosphere for all who come into contact with our school - celebrate our commitment to Christ and His church through appropriate sacramental programmes and liturgies for children, parents, staff and parish members - encourage individual prayer and collective worship in class, at home and in church
<p>We will provide a caring, supportive environment where each child's contribution is encouraged and accepted.</p>	<p>To achieve this the school will endeavour to foster attitudes of mutual care and respect for everybody by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developing self-esteem by acknowledging and rewarding people's efforts in contributing to all aspects of the school community - fostering within the children a respect for discipline and school rules encouraging care of school and personal property - providing opportunities for children to share and celebrate each other's talents and achievements - striving to give every child opportunities to experience success - fostering positive relationships with peer groups and adults by opportunities afforded through social activities as a way forward to living a responsible, happy, fulfilled life in society.
<p>To provide a broad, rich and stimulating curriculum which will enable each child to reach their full potential.</p>	<p>To achieve this the school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - give all children access to a curriculum which would enable them to develop skills of literacy, oracy, numeracy to the highest possible level and enable each child to express him/herself through a variety of media e.g. artistic - creative - musical - physical activities - develop lively enquiring minds by exposing the children to various aspects of research and discovery - use outside agencies and their expertise to help meet special educational needs if required - provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities to develop further particular skills and talents.

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