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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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### Mission Statement

Our mission is to:

Guide all on their journey of faith

Nurture a love of learning

Encourage happiness, confidence and personal fulfilment

Support all in achieving their full potential



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## School Vision

**Standards** – **We search for excellence** because our children deserve the very best all round education to develop emotionally, physically, spiritually and academically. We have high expectations in all we do to achieve our best.

**Togetherness** – **To grow together on our journey of faith.** Our Catholic school ethos is an outward representation of our vision where the Gospel Values are alive and underpins all aspects of daily school life. **Together we worship and praise God** and we see the beauty in everything as we grow together and appreciate our wonderful gifts and talents. Together, we nurture children's gifts and work hard to know and understand each individual child's interests and needs. We foster a dynamic interaction between home, parish and school to provide a happy, caring community in which everyone is valued and included.

**Motivated** – **Our children are motivated and have a love of learning.** We have motivated staff that want the best for the children at St. Mary's by delivering an outstanding curriculum. We are all motivated to try our best every day to work to our full potential to make St. Mary's a place of personal fulfilment for all.

**Achieve** – Christ wants us to have life in all its fullness and we participate in God's creation by **working to the best of our ability.** Our possibilities are endless and we aim to be the best we can be. We aim high because anything is possible if we believe in ourselves. We show positive attitudes and any challenges are only opportunities to be explored. We use our talents for the good of others. Our curriculum offer is wide and diverse and encourages us to achieve in all we do.

**Relationships** – We are polite, we listen to each other and show courtesy in our conversations and interactions with everyone we meet. **We support each other as one big family.** The Beatitudes underpin our school ethos and these are our expectations for our positive conduct. All interactions with children and each other are positive and respectful. Our curriculum is fully inclusive and diverse.

**Young ambassadors of God's Creation** – Our community grows in love and understanding of God, God's people and God's world. We motivate everybody to help those in need and we care for each other and our world, as Jesus Christ taught us to. **Our curriculum creates young ambassadors of all that God has created; we care for our world and want to make a difference.** Each individual child is resilient, caring and considerate and is fully equipped with the life skills and love of learning to prepare them well for life within and beyond our school.

**Smile** – All of our children will be happy and make good choices with the understanding that this will shape their lives for the better. We develop confidence, self-esteem and self-belief – physically and emotionally. **We want all of our children and staff to love coming to St. Mary's every day;** it should be a place of faith, nurture, fun, love, laughter and respect.



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## SCHOOL VALUES

### Care and Compassion

*forgiving, peaceful, pure, holiness and merciful*

As disciples of Jesus, we care for each other and encourage happiness and personal fulfilment. We look after one another and we are always thoughtful and considerate towards others. We look after God's world as stewards of creation.

### Respect

*dignity, justice, gentle, tolerant and truthful*

To respect and love yourself and others. Christ taught us to 'Love one another as I have loved you' and to, 'Do to others as you would have them do to you'. We show love for each other by showing mutual respect. We are fair, honest and always show kindness. We speak to each other with kind voices and show kind actions.

### Resilience

*faithful, integrity, and sacrifice*

We take risks and contribute because we believe in ourselves. If at first we don't succeed, we try again and we are never afraid to ask for help. We support others and encourage confidence.

### Aspirations

*humility and service*

We 'nurture a love of learning' and 'support all to achieve their potential'. We aim high because anything is possible if we try and if we believe in ourselves. Christ wants us to have life in all its fullness and we participate in God's creation by working to the best of our ability. We show positive attitudes and any problems are only opportunities to be explored. We have motivation and self-belief.



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### School Aims

- To support all members of the school community in their journey of faith, by acknowledging and celebrating the presence and active love of God.
- To create a stimulating environment which reflects our values and promotes a sense of self-worth and community.
- For everybody to know that they are loved, valued and listened to.
- To build strong collaborative partnerships with families and the local community.
- To provide a carefully considered, awe inspiring curriculum.
- To recognise and plan for a range of learning styles and interests and ensure all children have equal access to the curriculum enabling all to reach their full potential; future possibilities are endless.
- To promote life-long learning through high quality continual professional development for all staff and by developing the best possible learning culture throughout the school.
- To promote social, cultural, moral and spiritual development, supporting pupils and staff to become confident and responsible members of society.
- To establish an atmosphere in which each child has a positive self-image and where individual achievements are valued by all.
- To include all members of the school community in the process of school improvement and self-evaluation.
-  To have high expectations and aspirations for everybody.
- To recognise and encourage each other's unique gifts.
- To work in partnership with parents, recognising that they are the first educators of their children.
- To be an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church.
- To respond to the need for peace, justice and charity as stewards of the earth by alerting children to ethical thinking questions.
- To respect and value other faiths and cultures through the curriculum and the way it is taught.
- To be happy and to be kind.