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The Catholic Life of St Anne's school

Our Vision Ethos and Values

Our Vision

Our vision at St. Anne's is to be a family who are centred in the love of Christ, by developing love of God, love of self and love of neighbour. This will enable our community to be valued respected and supported to reach their full potential. Our pupils will leave having a love of learning, respect for others and ready to continue their journey in Faith.

Our Ethos

At St Anne's Catholic Primary School, we try to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ in all things. Our mission is as follows:

Our Mission at St. Anne's is to provide a loving, caring atmosphere enabling each child to develop intellectually, socially and spiritually.

As a Catholic school the foundation of all we do is based upon Christ and His Gospel values of Love Peace and Justice.

We will strive to ensure that the members of our community are happy and fulfilled in their lives at school.

As Catholics, we follow the teachings of the Gospel and all that is taught to us through the Church. Scripture reveals for us how God will guide us in the way He wants us to live. In the Gospels and our Church tradition we encounter the person of Jesus Christ.

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5) captures the values we want to live by and which we nurture and develop in the children at St Anne's. These are:

Faithfulness & Integrity, Dignity & Compassion, Humility & Gentleness, Truth & Justice, Forgiveness & Mercy, Purity & Holiness, Tolerance & Peace and Service & Sacrifice.

Our Values

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we are following the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which introduces the children to two new key words every half term. This is being developed across the Diocese and it ensures we all have a shared understanding of the Gospel virtues.

The pairs of virtues are:

Grateful and generous

Attentive and discerning

Compassionate and loving

Faith-filled and hopeful

Eloquent and truthful

Learned and wise

Curious and active

Intentional and prophetic

At St Anne's our children are growing to be:

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, now and in the future... by encouraging them to know and be **grateful** for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be **generous** in the service of others.

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices... by promoting the practice of **attentive** reflection and **discerning** decision making: in teaching, in the examination of conscience, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words... by being **compassionate** and **loving** in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

Faith-filled in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future... by passing on the living and **faith-filled** tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and **hope** in themselves and others.

Eloquent and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world... by developing an **eloquent** language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be **truthful** in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

Learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good... by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more **learned** and **wise**.

Curious about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better... by leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others... by being a school community which is **intentional** in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is **prophetic** in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel.

