



## **St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

### **Moral Development Policy**

*Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,  
we serve, love and learn together  
inspiring each other to excellence.*

Moral Development should help the child gain an intuitive sense of what is right and wrong through personal conviction and not through any gain or punishment. It should be based on their own decisions made after consideration of events and experiences, not just an adoption of other people's values.

At St. Patrick's we aim to:

- Help our children gain an intuitive sense of right and wrong and to have respect for themselves and others;
- Provide an environment which encourages our children to freely choose the right way forward;
- Strive to be a community in which the Gospel values of freedom, justice and love flourish;
- Reinforce the moral teachings of the Church through a loving and caring community.

St Patrick's pupils show evidence of moral development through:

- The 'Come and See' and new 'Religious Education Directory' Schemes of Work provide a wealth of opportunities for children to become familiar with and use the language and ideas associated with morality;
- Knowledge and understanding of our Mission Statement;
- An awareness of our school rules;
- The opportunity to discuss moral issues through Creative Curriculum themes and S.E.A.L topics;
- Discussion raised through stories from the Gospels, traditional stories, moral tales and dilemmas in the media;
- Celebrating success, achievements, manners, kindness, thoughtfulness, issuing Certificates of Achievements in assemblies;
- Providing a strong pupil voice through an established School Council;
- Valuing the children's efforts with encouragement and support;
- Accentuating the positive by skilful praise.

It is intended that as the children mature they will understand the need to respect others' points of view and the importance of persuasion, rather than aggression; compromise rather than insistence on self. It is hoped that the child will become more aware of the influence they have through:

- self-esteem, self-confidence, self-control, self-respect, self-motivation, responsibility
- tolerance, respect for persons and property, truthfulness, compassion, sensitivity, cooperativeness, love, empathy

- environmental issues, equal opportunities, issues of a global nature appropriate for the age of the children.

At St. Patrick's the focus throughout our school is to praise and reward good behaviour and positive attitudes. This way the children themselves model and endorse responsible actions, self-discipline and their freedom of choice based on the moral teaching of Jesus and His Church.

This policy will be reviewed in January 2026.

See also:

Religious Education Policy

Collective Worship Policy

Sacramental Policy

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