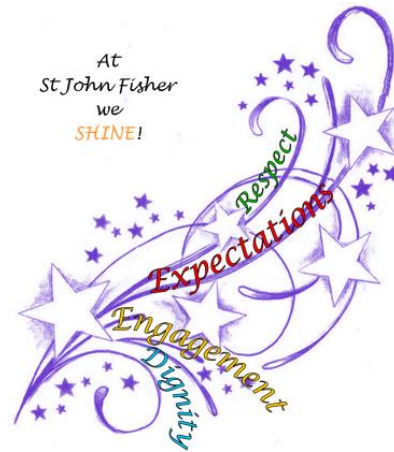


St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Spirituality Policy



St John Fisher: Our Mission

*“Believe in the light, so that you will be children of the light.”
John 12:3*

St John Fisher: Our Vision

At St John Fisher, we strive to create a school community where children and adults achieve their full potential and **SHINE!** We will achieve this through *engagement*, *high expectations* and by treating all with *respect* and *dignity*.

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Introduction

In contrast to other school policies for specific curriculum areas, this policy relates to the whole life of the school. It is promoted through all the subjects of the curriculum; it reflects our approach to teaching and learning; and its promotion is influenced by the quality of relationships and the experiences of prayer and worship. Spiritual development within St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School is intrinsically linked with moral, social and cultural development.

Purpose

The Education Reform Act (1988) requires the curriculum of a maintained school to 'promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school' The connection between high standards in the curriculum and effective spiritual development is widely recognised. Spiritual development is at the heart of Catholic education and therefore at the heart of our school: being called to nurture the human wholeness of all our children calls us to ensure that we develop all aspects of our children.

Definition of Spiritual Development

We believe that spiritual development is a significant aspect of educating 'the whole child'. It relates to the search for meaning and purpose in our existence in God. It is associated with feelings and emotions, and attitudes and beliefs. It is accessible to everyone and is rooted in our Catholic Christian faith. Aims of Spiritual

Development

All staff and children will develop;

- The ability to listen and be still
- The ability to sense the sacred, the holy, our God
- The ability to sense wonder and mystery
- The ability to sense the special nature of human relationships
- The ability to reflect and to appreciate beauty Updated January 2014 Objectives for

Spiritual Development

- To develop the skill of being physically still, yet alert.
- To develop the ability to use all of ones senses.
- To consider the mystery of God, to relate to the person of Jesus and the wonder of God's world.
- To find an inner self confidence and peace.
- To develop in individuals a self-confidence to express inner thoughts in a variety of ways.
- To encourage quiet reflection during a lesson or assembly.
- To promote an awareness of and enjoyment in using one's imagination and creativity.
- To promote the ability to form good relationships with others.

Opportunities for Spiritual Development:

Staff will provide a role model to children by sharing in the joy of discovery and in the wonder of creation. Our enthusiasm for education that truly nurtures human wholeness will be significant in creating the appropriate ethos for the human spirit to thrive.

Within the curriculum, children will be able to explore:

- An imaginative approach to God's world.
- A spirit of enquiry and open-mindedness.
- A recognition of the presence of God everywhere.

Opportunities will be provided for children to:

- Express their creativity and imagination.
- Foster a sense of respect for the integrity of each person.
- Engage in an atmosphere that encourages them to talk freely about their feelings and beliefs.
- Experience a variety of formal, informal and spontaneous prayer, meditation and retreats.
- Experience awe and wonder, excitement and enjoyment.
- Understand human feelings and emotions.
- Experience, silence, stillness and reflection and to learn from reflection.
- Experience and appreciate a range of music, art, literature, designed to 'lift the spirit.'
- Participate, as appropriate, in the life of our parish community