

# **St. Sebastian's Mission Statement**

## **Our Aims**

At St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School we have one over-arching aim which results from our school's Mission Statement, namely:

**To provide a happy, stable, stimulating and challenging environment in an atmosphere where Christ is felt and His examples of kindness, tolerance and compassion permeate through all aspects of school life; where everyone is valued and encouraged to strive for the highest of standards in order to fulfil their ability and potential.**

In order to achieve this we:

- strive to create a caring, Catholic atmosphere which will permeate the lives of the children and stimulate their spiritual growth in conjunction with their parents and the church;
- create a family atmosphere where all members of the school are nurtured and valued for their unique qualities so as to develop in individuals a positive attitude towards themselves with a strong sense of self-respect;
- give children a vision of all the positive opportunities and experiences life has to offer and to try to equip them with strategies for coping with life's realities;
- develop tolerance and empathy for others, appreciating each others' uniqueness and cultural identity and a sense of respect for other people's property, ideas and beliefs;
- encourage the growth of application, perseverance, independence, self-discipline and initiative so that the children are prepared for the responsibilities of adult life;
- offer a broad challenge based, stimulating curriculum in order to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, promote curiosity and enjoyment in learning, and to provide knowledge/skills to equip children for work and leisure as active, confident and responsible members of a rapidly developing society;
- develop through art, drama, craft and music an aesthetic awareness and the ability to appreciate beauty in all its forms;
- give opportunities for the development of physical skills and an enjoyment of participation in group and team activities;
- develop positive attitudes towards, and concern for, the environment, local community and the multicultural society in which we live;
- foster close relationships with the local community.
- encourage a sense of moral responsibility and self discipline appropriate to the stage of development of each individual child

## Our Objectives

Whilst adhering to the National Curriculum, Diocesan and Local Educational processes, we as a school aim to:

- 1) Encourage involvement in the life of the school, not only from the teachers and staff, but also from the LA, the Governors, the school's Parents and Friends, Parishioners and the from the Local Community etc. for the benefit of the children.
- 2) Deepen each child's knowledge, understanding and effective appreciation of the Catholic Faith tradition.
- 3) Promote and develop an appreciation of and an active participation in worship and to ensure that Prayer, Worship and Liturgical Celebration, which are central to our Catholic tradition, form an integral part of the school day at St Sebastian's.
- 4) Foster in and expect from the school community caring relationships and Christian values, encouraging positive attitudes towards work and behaviour through a system of positive rewards and the acceptance of a code of behaviour and conduct by all.
- 5) Aid the development of the whole person by providing a broadly based, balanced, relevant and challenging creative curriculum which allows for progression and continuity, and which reflects the fact that Christ is the goal of the whole educational enterprise in this school, whilst also fulfilling the requirements of the National Curriculum and the Archdiocese Religious Education programme "Come and See".
- 6) Provide for the physical and emotional well being of each child
  - Through pastoral care
  - By making provision for each child to work at his/her own pace whilst simultaneously achieving maximum attainment
  - By catering for any special needs of individuals
  - By providing a safe and healthy environment as far as is reasonably practicable.