

# Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School



**Moral Development Policy**

*Reviewed in June 2022*



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(Summer 2022)

To be reviewed every year by the Catholic Life of the School Team, SLT & Headteacher

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**At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School:**

**'We arise today to learn, love and grow through Jesus.'**

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

**John 13:34**

Moral education helps to acquire knowledge, understanding, intentions, attitudes and behaviour in relation to what is right and wrong. Moral development involves the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil in a social context. Moral development, therefore, is about a growing awareness of, and a positive response to, the demands of living as an individual with others in the community. The Gospel values are lived out in the daily life of the school in many ways including:

- Forgiveness
- Freedom
- Tolerance
- Respect
- Relationships

**Moral education involves:**

- Developing the ability to distinguish right from wrong, based on knowledge of moral codes of their own and other cultures.
- Developing the ability to act consistently in accordance with their own principles.
- Developing the ability to think through consequences of their own and other's actions.
- Developing the ability to make responsible and reasoned judgements on moral dilemmas.
- Showing a respect for others' needs, interests and feelings, as well as their own.

**In order to help pupils to grow morally, we shall teach:**

- The importance of truth and honesty
- The importance of observing rules and undertaking responsibilities
- The importance of compassion and of tact

- The importance of affirming and protecting other people's rights
- Respect for the environment - both at school and in the wider world.

We shall know that pupils are developing morally through their:

- ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong and to act on this understanding in their own lives
- ability to understand the impact of the consequences of their actions on themselves and on other people
- Showing interest in and awareness of moral issues and developing informed views about them

### **Monitoring and review**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the **subject leaders** and the **headteacher**.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff.

The scheduled review date for this policy is **June 2023**.

Reviewed by the Catholic Life of the School Team 29.6.22

By Miss Tracey, Mr Marshall, Mrs Docherty, Mrs Tennant

Reviewed by the Headteacher Mrs Hobden

Acknowledged by the Governing Body

Chair of Governors: Suzanne Ball