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Governing Body's Curriculum Policy Statement

The Mission Statement for St James the Great School states that the school belongs to the parish communities of St Andrews and St Bartholomews. It exists to educate the children of these communities with the Gospel values, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic faith at the centre of its ethos whilst recognising the individuality of the 'faith journey'.

We aim to foster a respect for self and others within a framework that enables all pupils to develop the highest possible standards of academic, moral, physical and spiritual potential whilst recognising and valuing the natural differing abilities among the children.

The aims of the school's curriculum are:-

1. To make prayer, worship and liturgy real educational experiences, and to contribute successfully to the development of the faith of each individual in the school community.
2. To ensure that the curriculum provides a Catholic Christian setting in which children can grow in understanding and acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.
3. To foster spiritual, moral, social, cultural, intellectual and physical development.
4. To develop a partnership between the family, school and community.
5. That it is broad and balanced.
6. That it is inclusive and provides equal opportunities for all pupils to reach their full potential, recognising the worth of different abilities, skills, talents and learning styles of individuals and groups of pupils.
7. That it provides continuity and progression through the school and between the Key Stages.
8. To widen horizons, instill a love of learning and to prepare the children to lead full and responsible lives.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The school will regularly monitor the curriculum by means of working groups which will include teaching staff, nursery nurses and the Governors Curriculum Committee. Appropriate recommendations for change will be made to the Headteacher who will consult with the Governing Body before implementing any changes through targets set in the School Improvement Plan (SIP).