Diocese of Nottingham

## The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy

Part of the Saint Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust







## **PSHE Statement of Intent**

Intent – What we teach and why we teach it, ambitious for all.

## The context of our school

At The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy, our religious beliefs coined within Catholic social teaching are central to the provision throughout the whole school; and the foundation on which the ethos of the school is built. Every person is recognised as a unique creation of God; it is the intention of the school, for each child to be assisted in every way possible, to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. It is essential that our approach to teaching PSHE is accessible to all learners, regardless of background and any learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Every child is unique and special in the eyes of God, and we must give every child the best start to their learning journey by empowering them to become confident learners in PSHE.

Our PSHE curriculum aims to enable our children to become healthy, safe, independent, responsible members of society who demonstrate respect and tolerance and who are prepared to face and manage the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing modern Britain. Our PSHE curriculum teaches our pupils to stay safe, be mentally and physically healthy, and to be prepared for life and work. It aims to help them understand how they are developing personally and socially, and it tackles many of the moral, social and cultural issues that children face as part of growing up.

We provide our children with opportunities for them to learn about rights and responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society. Our children are encouraged to develop a sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. We want our children to have high aspirations, a belief in themselves and realise that anything is possible if they put their mind to it. In an ever—changing world, it is important that they are aware, to an appropriate level, of different factors which will affect their world and that they learn how to deal with these so that they have good mental health and well-being.