

The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Mission and Values Statement

Our Mission

**The Priory: a place to learn, have fun, grow and develop
in the light and love of Christ.**

At The Priory Catholic Primary School, we are called to live, learn and grow together as a community of faith, inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. Rooted in the Gospel and guided by the mission of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an environment where every child feels loved, valued and empowered to become the person God created them to be.

We believe that every member of our school community is uniquely made in the image and likeness of God and is blessed with gifts and talents to be nurtured and celebrated. Through academic excellence, strong relationships and a commitment to Gospel values, we seek to develop confident, compassionate and faith-filled young people who are equipped to make a positive difference in the world.

Our mission shapes every aspect of school life, enabling us to learn with joy, grow in faith and serve others with love.

Our Catholic Identity

Christ is at the heart of all that we do.

Our Catholic faith provides the foundation for our vision, values and decision-making. Through prayer, worship, learning and service, we seek to deepen our relationship with God and live out the Gospel message in our daily lives.

We recognise the inherent dignity of every person and celebrate the uniqueness of all members of our community. We are committed to creating a culture of welcome, inclusion and belonging, where every individual is respected, supported and encouraged to flourish.

Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, we encourage our children to become active participants in building a more just, compassionate and peaceful world. We promote respect for human dignity, care for creation, service to those in need and a commitment to the common good.

Working in partnership with parents, carers, our parish and the wider community, we seek to nurture pupils who are spiritually aware, socially responsible and motivated by faith to serve others.

Our Gospel Values

The Gospel values chosen by our school community express the virtues we aspire to live by each day. They are not simply words that we display, but values that shape our actions, relationships, learning and worship. They provide a practical way for us to follow Christ's example and fulfil our mission.

Kindness

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

Kindness reflects the love of Christ in action. It calls us to treat others with care, respect and generosity, recognising that every person is precious in God's eyes.

At The Priory, kindness is demonstrated when we welcome others, offer encouragement, celebrate success and support those who may be struggling. Pupils, staff and families work together to create a caring community where everyone feels valued, included and loved.

Honesty

"Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour." (Ephesians 4:25)

Honesty is essential to building trust and strong relationships. It requires us to act with integrity, take responsibility for our actions and remain truthful in all that we do.

At The Priory, we encourage children to be truthful, reflective and accountable. Staff and families model openness and integrity, helping our pupils understand the importance of living authentically as followers of Christ.

Forgiveness

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Forgiveness is central to the Gospel message. Through forgiveness we experience God's mercy and learn to repair and strengthen relationships.

At The Priory, we encourage everyone to recognise mistakes, seek reconciliation and offer forgiveness with generosity and understanding. By following Jesus' example, we nurture a community where mercy, healing and fresh starts are always possible.

Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)

Peace is rooted in justice, respect and love. It enables us to build healthy relationships, resolve conflict positively and create an environment where everyone can flourish.

At The Priory, we strive to be peacemakers who listen carefully, show respect and value the viewpoints of others. Through prayer, reflection and positive relationships, we seek to bring Christ's peace into our school and beyond.

Courage

"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

Courage gives us the confidence to do what is right, persevere through challenges and use our gifts in service of others.

At The Priory, courage is shown when children embrace new learning, stand up for what is right and respond positively to setbacks. Inspired by faith, we encourage resilience, determination and the confidence to become agents of positive change.

Compassion

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them." (Matthew 14:14)

Compassion encourages us to notice the needs of others and respond with love and action. It reflects the caring heart of Christ and calls us to serve those around us.

At The Priory, compassion is expressed through acts of service, charitable outreach, care for the vulnerable and a genuine concern for the wellbeing of others. We encourage our children to become thoughtful, empathetic individuals who seek to make a difference wherever they go.

Living Our Mission

Prayer and Liturgy

Prayer and worship are central to the life of our school. Through daily prayer, Celebration of the Word, liturgical celebrations, Mass and opportunities for spiritual reflection, we encounter God and deepen our relationship with Christ.

Catholic Life and Mission

Our mission is visible in the way we live, learn and work together. Gospel values underpin our policies, practices and relationships, ensuring that Catholic life is not an addition to school life but the foundation upon which it is built.

Relationships and Behaviour

We foster positive relationships based upon respect, kindness, honesty, forgiveness, peace, courage and compassion. We promote behaviour that reflects the teachings of Jesus and helps every member of our community feel safe, valued and respected.

Curriculum

Our curriculum promotes excellence and enables pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to thrive. Through all areas of learning, children are encouraged to reflect upon moral responsibility, human dignity and their role in God's world.

Pupil Leadership

We provide opportunities for children to lead, serve and contribute positively to school life. Through leadership roles, pupil voice and participation in decision-making, children learn responsibility, stewardship and service.

Service and Outreach

Inspired by Jesus' call to serve others, we actively support charitable initiatives and opportunities for social action. Through service, our pupils learn that they can bring hope and make a meaningful difference in their communities and beyond.

Inclusion and Wellbeing

We are committed to ensuring that every person experiences a sense of belonging. We celebrate diversity, support individual needs and nurture wellbeing so that all members of our community can flourish as children of God.

Our Commitment

As a Catholic school community, we are committed to ensuring that every child:

- Knows they are loved unconditionally by God.
- Develops a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Grows in faith, wisdom and understanding.
- Lives out the Gospel values of Kindness, Honesty, Forgiveness, Peace, Courage and Compassion.
- Recognises and respects the dignity of every person.
- Uses their God-given gifts and talents to serve others.
- Promotes justice, peace and the common good.
- Contributes positively to their local, national and global communities.
- Leaves The Priory as a confident, compassionate and responsible young person, prepared to make a difference in the world.

Together, we will continue to be a place to learn, have fun, grow and develop in the light and love of Christ, where faith is lived, values are practised and every child is encouraged to flourish and become the person God calls them to be.