

**Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy**



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Mission Statement

“On our road to success; Jesus is beside us.”

Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Primary School is a living and caring community, an extension of our homes and an integral part of our wider Community.

Everyone is given the opportunity for a complete educational journey, embracing their spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual and physical needs.

Following Christ’s teaching to love God and love our neighbour, our school aims to provide a living and learning experience, responsive to the individual’s needs, preparing our children for further growth and development and helping them to realise their full potential.

We seek to inspire the children entrusted to us to value themselves and each other.

We do this through:

- The care and example set by all of our staff

- The delivery of a broad, rich and inspiring curriculum

- Recognising and affirming the achievements of each individual child

- Working in partnership with the home, the Parish and the wider

 - Community

- Our policies of inclusion

Our ultimate aim is to enable our children to be good citizens here and in the kingdom of God, to sow seeds based on Christ’s commandments ‘to love God and love one another’, providing an education that will help equip them for life, giving values which will shape their growth and development as human beings long after they leave Our Lady’s School.

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Catholic Life & Mission Policy

At Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Primary we welcome everyone in our community as we share the joys of our faith. Inspired by our School Mission Statement, 'On our road to success; Jesus is beside us.' and our School Virtues of Love, Respect, Faith, Hope, Courage and Self-Discipline. We learn, pray and play together in the love of Jesus, helping one another to develop our God given talents and make a difference in the world.

1 Mission Statement

1.1 Our mission statement is the foundation stone on which we build the Catholic Life of the school and we aim to achieve our mission by:

- Establishing, maintaining and developing a Catholic ethos which is permeated in everything we do and is apparent to all those who enter the school.
- Instruct, explain and demonstrate the Gospel values.
- Create a distinctively Catholic culture where all members of the school community lead virtuous lives.
- Providing frequent opportunities for conscious and active participation in collective worship.
- Creating a place of learning where faith is central.
- Providing an enriched curriculum which is creative, inspiring and inclusive for all pupils.
- Being an outreaching centre of God's mission on earth in promoting the virtues of faith, hope and charity.
- Ensuring that the Gospel values are permeated through all policies such as inclusion, behaviour, curriculum etc.
- Developing children's understanding of vocation, that God created each person for a unique and special purpose.
- Developing children's understanding that they are made in God's image and likeness, that He loves everyone and wants us all to love one another as He loves us
- Supporting the Sacramental Programme within the Parish.
- Ensuring that all members of our community feel valued, welcome and included

2 Developing the Prayer and Spiritual Life of all Members of our School

2.1 We aim to develop the spiritual life of everyone within our community, regardless of their beliefs, or none. We provide spiritual development for pupils and staff alike, and invite our families to develop spiritually in connection with the school and parish.

2.2 We do this by:

- Providing children with the skills to develop their own prayer life - through the reading of the Scriptures, music, drama and prayer
- Opportunities for pupil led liturgical prayer every other week and support from our School Chaplains
- Providing opportunities for reflection
- Developing the environment - each classroom in the school has a crucifix, prayer focus area, which reflects the liturgical year and has relevant Christian symbols and artefacts relating to the current 'Come and See' topic
- Travelling Crib for all year group families
- Lenten Prayer bags for all year group families
- Opportunities for parents to encounter Christ with their child; class masses, liturgies, confession, adoration related to the Bishop's themes and other times of the year such as Remembrance Day etc
- Word of the Week reflections
- Further strengthening links with the parish and those who are housebound through sharing posts on their social media pages, Christmas Cards, Thinking of You cards etc
- Fundraising opportunities

3 Prayer and Liturgy

3.1 The school day is punctuated with prayer. Teachers and pupils pray at the beginning of the school day, lunchtime and end of the school day. Pupils are encouraged to pray spontaneously throughout the day by making use of class prayer areas, prayer spaces around school

3.2 The school sacred spaces is also available for Personal Prayer for key stage phases during the mornings and at break times

4 Plays and Performances

4.1 All classes, from Reception to Year 2, perform a Nativity play in the Advent term. Year 3 and 4 children lead the Easter Play; Year 5 and 6 lead the Stations of the Cross in Holy Week or before we break up for Easter. They are perform an 'end of year production' at the end of the school academic year.

4.2 All classes are involved in leading and participating in prayer and liturgy throughout theyear.

5 Parental Involvement

5.1 We value a strong partnership with parents as their child's first educators. They are encouraged to support Religious Education lessons by sharing our Religious Education termly focus with families through Termly Curriculum letters and by supporting families when children are preparing to receive the Sacraments.

5.2 We provide information on the Ten:Ten programme (Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum) for all year groups. We welcome feedback from parents regarding the teaching and learning of RSHE.

5.3 Parents are regularly invited into school to attend Masses, Liturgical Prayers led by classes, Celebrations Liturgical Prayers and any other performances and plays.

5.4 Parents are encouraged to join staff to help organise and host a range of events for our school community. All funds raised support the development of the home environment and enhance the provision we offer for our pupils and families.

6 Putting our Faith into Action

6.1 We encourage all children to make a difference to our school by becoming involved in a variety of Catholic Life and Mission voluntary roles. These include: The Chaplaincy Team, The School Council, House Captains, Year 6 pupil leaders, Reading ambassadors, Eco Council and Mental Health ambassadors. These groups are led and supported by different staff. Our aim is for the children to know that when they volunteer for these groups, they are acting as Missionary Disciples and are doing God's work here on Earth.

7 Leadership, Monitoring and Review

7.1 The coordination and planning of Catholic Life is the responsibility of the RE subject leader and Head teacher, who support colleagues in their efforts towards developing the spiritual life of everyone within our community. Both will provide CPD opportunities for all staff where necessary, and will lead Catholic Life staff meetings to ensure staff are aware of expectations within school and Diocesan initiatives.

7.2 The RE Governor and Chair of Governors are kept informed regularly regarding Catholic Life and Mission initiatives in school at Local Governing Body meetings and also through learning walks and pupil interviews.

7.3 This policy is reviewed by the Head Teacher, RE subject leader and the Local Governing Body every two years or more regularly as required.