

Mission Statements

The school aims:

- 1. *To provide a broad and balanced curriculum based in a Catholic Christian setting where we are led by the Spirit of Christ. We believe that, "Children and young people should be helped to develop harmoniously their physical, moral and intellectual qualities." VATICAN II***

To achieve this aim, the school will:

- * develop, resource and implement the National Curriculum
- * differentiate the curriculum for pupils of all abilities
- * To give every child, whatever their ability, an equal opportunity to develop their physical competence.
- * To promote positive attitudes towards sport and encourage healthy and active lifestyles which will have long lasting effects.
- * in developing the R.E. syllabus take note of Clifton Diocese direction.
- * provide equal opportunities for all children
- * encourage the children to be independent learners able to make judgements and review their own progress
- * put into practice what we teach

- 2. *To provide an environment in which children can grow in understanding and in the acquisition of skills, knowledge, attitudes and values for life.***

To achieve this aim, the school will:

- * promote a happy, caring view of school life
- * create an open and warm environment for everyone
- * provide a friendly welcome everyday so that the children will accept our high expectations of them and adapt them as high expectations of themselves
- * give time to listen to all
- * create a disciplined environment which will promote self-discipline within the child
- * For our children to be creative, competitive, co-operative and to embrace challenges both individually and as a team.
- * give the children reasons why school rules are made
- * seek and value everyone's contribution to the school
- * endeavour to foster within each child a caring of everyone else, irrespective of their specific needs

- 3. *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.***

To achieve this aim, the school will:

- * begin and end the day with class prayers

- * celebrate, as individual classes and as a whole school, Mass and other liturgical services
- * hold assemblies of a religious nature
- * celebrate the Church's festive occasions
- * support the children in their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist
- * encourage the clergy to take an active part in school life
- * build and maintain close links with CAFOD
- * accommodate each child on their Faith Journey.

4. *To participate in and encourage interaction between the home, parish and school. We believe that it is important that common aims be established and developed in a climate of mutual trust and openness. Home, parish and school must together provide preparation for the pupil's entry into the wider community.*

To achieve this aim, the school will:

- * maintain an 'open door' policy where the teachers and Head make time to see parents
- * have regular parent's evenings during the year
- * welcome, encourage and value parental help within school
- * welcome, encourage and value parents at school assemblies and liturgical services
- * encourage the children to participate in Parish activities and liaise with the Parish in organizing family Sunday masses

5. *To develop within each child a respect for themselves and their achievements, and a respect and understanding of others.*

To achieve this aim, the school will:

- * praise the children's classroom achievements
- * praise the children's hard work and resilience to difficulties
- * praise the children in school assemblies and show that we value their achievements in all fields - physical, academic or social
- * promote the respect of the school's good name
- * encourage a pride and care of the school environment
- * display children's work
- * lead by example, in that if we value and respect them so they may do the same towards others
- * encourage co-operation
- * value each child's contribution - we do not laugh at others mistakes
- * highlight the importance of the non-teaching staff and other helpers
- * give help to children in forming relationships
- * value and give occasion to display their individual talents and gifts.