

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Multi-Faith/Cultural Policy

Here at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School the practice of the faith is fundamental to the whole life of our community. Our School aims to provide the highest standard of Catholic education by living our Mission Statement 'Loving and Learning,' and promoting a respect and understanding for the cultural and religious principles of others.

At the centre of our ethos is the firm belief that God is present and working within the life of every single member of human kind; loving each one, not just into existence and preserving each, but loving each one into salvation.

Aims:

Our multi-faith/cultural policy builds upon the Mission Statement, core values and ethos of the whole school community. The policy will be an integral part of our school life. IN our encounter with people of different racial original and culture we recall the words from Vatican 11 'We cannot call on God as the Father of all, if we refuse to behave as brothers and sisters to other human beings who are created in the image of God.'

We ensure that everyone in our school is treated with respect and dignity. Each person in our school will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential with positive regard to ethnicity, cultural and religious background.

We aim to ensure that our children have an enriched curriculum that demonstrated and allows the opportunities to respect all and their individual beliefs and cultures.

Curriculum:

We aim to provide a curriculum which enables pupils to gain a wider experience and knowledge of the richness of other cultures, faiths and traditions to over-come racism and prejudice. Cultural diversity is welcomed and positively appreciated in school.

- We hold a multi-faith week every year to enhance the pupils understanding of different faith in our community
- The children visit several different places of worship over the time at St Gregory's to enhance their understanding of other faiths
- The children share their learning from multi-faith week in a whole school assembly
- We welcome parents and visitors into school to talk about different faith experiences
- We celebrate the faith of our non-Catholic pupils/staff by listening and sharing their experiences, thoughts and opinions

The School Environment:

We ensure at all times we have an area or display dedicated to the celebration of multi faith so that our pupils can explore and appreciate the special stories, belief signs and symbols that are significant and others in our school and wider community.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Evidence:

Monitoring of work and events in multi-faith week is carried out by the Religious Education Coordinator or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Findings from monitoring are fed back to staff in order to enhance the experiences and understandings our pupils gain in this week. Samples of work are collated to form an evidence file and also to celebrate our pupil's learning and achievements during multi-faith week.

Outcomes:

That the children at St Gregory's will:

- Appreciate, understand and respect the beliefs of others
- Have a sense of awe and wonder at the richness and diversity of the multi-cultural world
- Treat all with respect, regardless of race, creed or background
- Know of human achievements and aspirations from many cultures and faiths
- Be prepared for life in a multi-cultural/faith society

Reference – Racial and discrimination policy

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