



THE FEDERATION OF ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY FOR MORAL EDUCATION

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As the family of Jesus, we learn and love together.

Rationale

Moral education is concerned with developing a child's ability to distinguish right from wrong, to make appropriate choices and to act upon them from conviction. Personal morality combines the beliefs and value of the individual, those of the social, cultural and religious groups to which he/she belongs and the laws and customs of the wider society.

PURPOSE

To ensure that pupils understand the difference between right and wrong and the importance of striving to do right. This understanding will:

1. inform pupils' thinking and actions and help them exercise their will in resisting temptation;
2. prompt the constant attempt to become a better person,
3. increase fellow feeling and the willingness to make an effort to understand others;
4. build pupils' respect for themselves, others, their society and their environment;
5. enable pupils to engage in effective moral reasoning;
6. help pupils see that weakness, failure and fault belong to the human condition, but we should try to overcome them.

BROAD GUIDELINES

All adults should have:

- humility and willingness to question their own beliefs and actions;
- confidence in themselves;
- general goodwill and concern for their pupils;
- willingness to review their actual and potential contribution to pupils' moral development;
- a commitment to making that contribution

In order to promote pupils moral development, it is essential that the values of St Mary's Schools are shared with pupils.

Moral education will be promoted by:

1. Fostering positive school values which include:
 - honesty
 - reliability
 - respecting the rights and property of others
 - acting considerably and courteously towards others
 - helping those less fortunate or weaker
 - taking personal responsibility for one's actions
 - self discipline

2. Rejecting and reflecting upon negative attitudes which include:
 - bullying
 - dishonesty and cheating
 - deceit
 - cruelty
 - irresponsibility

For additional guidance please see the Behaviour Policy and the Anti Bullying Policy