



Curriculum Statement 2020-2021

Intent

Our curriculum provides the children of St Mary's with an introduction to the essential knowledge they need to be educated citizens. It introduces them to the best that has been thought and said and helps engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

Over the next academic year, it is our intention to provide opportunities to rebuild relationships and a sense of community, space to re-establish a sense of self and to relearn learning behaviours. The focus will be to gently return to some semblance of routine whilst enabling social interaction, outdoor exploration and physical development.

As with all aspects of school life, our curriculum is underpinned by our Mission Statement; ***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*** Philippians 4:13 and also our core school values of **Respect, Resilience and Compassion.**

Implementation

Our curriculum is drawn from and meets the expectations of the 2014 National Curriculum and Development Matters 2012. This is what is delivered at St Mary's. Our curriculum is also fully inclusive. All children experience our curriculum.

The curriculum at St Mary's will continue to be exciting and will inspire our children to nurture a passion for learning, a curriculum that creates memorable moments. It will be taught in an engaging and stimulating way which will include trips to motivate and widen our children's experiences and will prepare all our children for life in modern Britain.

Our curriculum plans ensure sequenced learning takes place, staff will also weave in 'lost learning' objectives from Summer 2020, into new learning opportunities. Appropriate time is afforded to each subject. Each teacher is responsible for the leadership of a National Curriculum Subject with Mrs Grange and Mrs Redmond being the Guardians of the Curriculum.

Impact

How do children progress and achieve within our curriculum?

At The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools, our definition of progress is; the widening and deepening of essential knowledge, skills, understanding and learning behaviours. We have designed our curriculum to ensure that children are not merely covering content but achieving a depth to their learning which enables them to use their skills and understanding in all areas of the curriculum. The design of our curriculum will ensure that children can revisit previous learning, which allows them to gradually develop a deeper understanding of the skills and processes within subjects and they are supported in a personalised, sensitive way, to ensure minimal impact on their mental health and wellbeing. This is done at their own pace and in the best possible way for each individual child.

Please continue to check our website for curriculum plans and developments.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of our curriculum at St Mary's please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Grange (Head of Infant School), Mrs Redmond (Head of Junior School) or Mr McCann (Executive Headteacher).