



**St. Hubert's Roman Catholic Primary
School**

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**St Hubert's Spiritual, Moral,
Social and Cultural Policy (SMSC)**



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Mission Statement

'Believe to Achieve – Love God, Love Learning, Love One Another.'

At St Hubert's Catholic Primary School, we strive to nurture every child so that they can grow in faith, confidence and a love of learning. Guided by our mission "Believe to Achieve – Love God, Love Learning, Love One Another," we work together as a caring community where everyone is valued and encouraged to live out our faith through kindness, respect and service to others.

Rooted in our Catholic faith, we aim to live our six core values every day: Friendship, Forgiveness, Respectfulness, Ambition, Kindness and Faithfulness.

Introduction

SMSC development remains at the heart of life and learning at St Hubert's Catholic Primary School. We continue to build on our strong Catholic foundation, promoting a faith-filled community where the teachings of Jesus inspire how we live, learn and treat one another each day.

We recognise that the personal development of each child - spiritually, morally, socially and culturally - is essential to their growth, learning and happiness. We aim to provide an education that encourages children to explore and develop their own values and beliefs, spiritual awareness, high standards of behaviour, caring attitudes towards others, and appreciation of the world's diversity and richness.

At St Hubert's, we promote a Catholic ethos that welcomes all. We celebrate the uniqueness of every child, recognising and respecting the integrity and spirituality of pupils from other faith backgrounds. Every member of our community is valued and supported to grow in confidence, compassion and understanding.

Through example, teaching and daily experiences, we help children understand right from wrong, appreciate the importance of forgiveness, and recognise that they are loved by God. Our aim is to support all pupils to become thoughtful, kind and responsible young people who contribute positively to our school, parish and wider community.

Aims

At St Hubert's Catholic Primary School, we believe that the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of every child is central to their growth as confident, caring and responsible individuals. Our aim is to support children in becoming the people God calls them to be — reflective, compassionate and active members of their community. Through our SMSC provision, we aim to:

- *Foster a strong sense of belonging and identity rooted in our Catholic faith and shared values.*
- *Provide meaningful opportunities for children to encounter God through prayer, reflection, worship and service.*
- *Encourage pupils to think carefully about right and wrong, guided by love, forgiveness and respect for others.*
- *Promote justice, equality and care for creation, inspired by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.*
- *Celebrate diversity and promote understanding and respect for people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds.*
- *Enable children to develop the confidence, empathy and moral courage needed to make a positive contribution to society and the wider world.*

Spiritual Development

At St Hubert's, we believe that spiritual growth begins with knowing that we are all loved by God. We help our children to understand that God is part of their daily lives and that His love guides and supports them in all they do.

Through prayer, worship, Religious Education and reflection, children are encouraged to think about what it means to follow Jesus and to live as part of God's family. They learn to show gratitude, compassion and respect, and to recognise God's presence in others and in the world around them.

Our aim is to help every child grow in faith and confidence, to develop a sense of hope and purpose, and to understand that they can make a difference through love, kindness and forgiveness.

Moral Development

At St Hubert's, we teach our children that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. We help pupils to understand right from wrong and to make choices based on fairness, honesty and compassion.

Through the example of Jesus, children learn that love and forgiveness are at the heart of moral decision-making. They are encouraged to think about how their words and actions affect others and to take responsibility for the choices they make.

We nurture a sense of justice and care for others, helping pupils to recognise inequality and to respond with kindness and courage. Our aim is to develop children who act with integrity, who can stand up for what is right and who live out our school values in their daily lives recognising the dignity and worth of each person.

Social Development

At St Hubert's, we help our children to understand that they belong to many communities - their family, school, parish and the wider world - and that each person has a part to play in building a caring and fair society.

Through our daily routines, curriculum and example, pupils learn how to form positive relationships, work cooperatively, and show care and respect for others. They are encouraged to listen, share, forgive and support one another, following the example of Jesus.

Social development is also nurtured through opportunities for teamwork, leadership and service. Our pupils take responsibility in roles such as School Council, GIFT Team, Eco Team, House Captains and Playground Leaders, helping them to understand that their contributions matter and that they can make a difference.

We aim to develop children who show empathy, cooperation and generosity, who recognise their responsibilities to others and who use their gifts in the service of their community and the common good.

Cultural Development

At St Hubert's, we celebrate the richness of our Catholic traditions while recognising and valuing the variety of cultures and beliefs that make up our school, parish, local community and the wider world. Guided by our faith, we see each person as a unique creation of God, deserving of respect and appreciation.

Children are encouraged to be curious about the world around them and to appreciate the beauty and creativity found in different cultures. Through shared experiences, celebrations, stories and encounters, they learn to show respect for others and to recognise the importance of understanding and appreciating difference.

We help pupils to understand that the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance are consistent with the Gospel values taught by Jesus and central to life in a Catholic school community.

Our aim is for children to grow as respectful, confident and understanding individuals who value difference and treat everyone with kindness and respect.

How SMSC is Taught at St Hubert's

At St Hubert's, the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children is promoted through every aspect of school life. It is not a separate subject but something that runs through all we do — from the way we build relationships and celebrate achievements, to how we teach, worship and play together.

SMSC is developed through the example set by staff and pupils, and through the care and respect shown across our school community. It is strengthened through Religious Education, collective worship, pastoral care and opportunities for reflection and discussion. Special events, themed weeks, assemblies and experiences beyond the classroom help children to explore values such as respect, friendship, kindness and forgiveness in meaningful ways.

Pupils are encouraged to take an active part in the life of the school through leadership and service roles such as School Council, GIFT Team, Eco Team, House Captains and Playground Leaders. These opportunities help children to develop teamwork, confidence and a sense of responsibility towards others.

We are proud of our close partnership with St Hubert's Parish and the Diocese of Salford, which supports pupils' faith journeys through worship, celebration and acts of service. Strong links with the local community and charitable organisations enable pupils to put their faith into action and understand how they can make a positive difference both locally and globally. Through pastoral care, collective worship and community involvement, children learn to show kindness, gratitude and service in everyday life. In doing so, they live out our mission

Monitoring and Evaluation

At St Hubert's, we continually reflect on how well our provision supports the spiritual, moral, social and cultural growth of every child. We monitor the impact of our work carefully to ensure that pupils are developing as confident, compassionate and responsible individuals rooted in our school mission.

Leaders and staff monitor SMSC through:

- *Collective worship, liturgical celebrations and Religious Education,*
- *Pastoral provision and the lived experience of our school values,*
- *School Council, Eco Team and GIFT Team contributions,*
- *Displays, special events and links with the parish and wider community,*

Regular reflection and discussion help us to celebrate success and plan next steps. The Headteacher and RE Lead oversee this work and report key findings to governors as part of Catholic Life and RE monitoring.