



Chaplaincy Policy

(No 10)

Responsibility for policy update lies with the RE Subject Leader.

To be reviewed by Curriculum Committee a minimum of every **2 Years**.

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10.10.13
15.10.15
07.07.21
06.07.23
July 25

'Christ be with me and Christ be within me'

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In light of our mission statement we aim for each child to recognise his or her self-worth; to realise that they are unique and special and to understand that they have a role to play in God's creative plan and the larger Church family. This is strongly modelled by the school chaplaincy team whose specific role is to work alongside others to offer spiritual and personal support in a manner that demonstrates the care and compassion of Christ. In our school we recognise that by acting as a Christian community we work as chaplains to one other, to the children and to parents through our everyday actions and behaviours.

The Role of Chaplaincy in our School

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School we recognise chaplaincy as fulfilling a number of roles:

- The chaplaincy team will be supportive role models for all in our school community.
- Those involved in chaplaincy will be very active in supporting the pattern of worship in the school.
- Chaplains will play a role in developing talents and ministries of pupils and staff.
- Chaplains will act as listeners and give support to those who might need/seek their help.

St Patrick's Chaplaincy Team

Our school Chaplaincy Team is made up of governors, staff and pupils. The Chaplaincy Team plan and liaise with our local parish St Brendan's and St Patrick's to serve the school community regarding Sacramental preparation, the celebration of the main Liturgical Feasts and the preparation of Family Masses, the Nativity and the May Crowning.

Responsibilities and Organisation

The R.E Subject Leader oversees the chaplaincy provision within school and plans the school worship programme with the Chaplaincy Team. The Chaplaincy Team meet termly to discuss and plan prayer, worship and Liturgy within the school community:

- The Chaplaincy Coordinator is the R.E. Subject Leader and she works with the school leadership team to co-ordinate and support areas of spiritual and pastoral development with the school.

- At R.E. Subject Leader's meetings Chaplaincy is always on the agenda to share and discuss good practice across the partnership.
- The R.E. Governor is an active and supportive member of the Chaplaincy Team and ensures purposeful and varied prayer experiences for the pupils and staff.

Wider Church

Chaplaincy extends into the community to develop a greater understanding of the wider church through:

- Fundraising events for CAFOD and Mission Together as well as a variety of local and national charities.
- Raising awareness of CAFOD through assemblies led by guest speakers.
- Raising awareness of disability through assemblies with guest speakers (Paralympic athletes) and opportunities to try some Paralympic events.
- Multi-Cultural days to celebrate the diverse culture of our school
- Other Faith topics to raise awareness of world religions.

Future Developments

- To continue to develop the role of the Chaplaincy Team
- To further expand pupils' knowledge of the wider world by accessing workshops led by CAFOD.
- To develop an understanding of the wider parish by inviting in guest speakers from the SVP and Knights of St Columba.
- To further involve parents in reflective prayer and spiritual activities through continuing to invite them to all school Masses and celebrations and through the use of the Travelling Crib.
- To develop a prayer garden for the use of prayer, worship and reflection.