



Mission, Vision, Aims and Strategic Direction

Our Mission Statement

'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

God's love is at the heart of all that we do at St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School.

Hearts and Minds are nurtured in a stimulating and safe environment. We believe that every child is unique, and we nurture each child through a creative and rounded curriculum to reach their full potential. Talents are celebrated and differences are respected within a strong, supportive Catholic community.

At St Gabriel's children learn to love, respect and care for each other and God's entire world. Our school is a place where children are filled with a love of life and learning.

Our Vision

The family of St Gabriel's Catholic Primary follows in the footsteps of Christ and is built on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Our vision simply put... Christ is at the centre of all we do, He is in our hearts, in our minds and through His love, we serve him in our vocation, in serving our school community.

We aim to provide a rich, educational and social environment, which nurtures and challenges each child, enabling individuals to flourish and to achieve their highest possible potential. A child's time at the school will be an important part of their lifelong learning journey and with this in mind; we aim to make their educational experience at St Gabriel's a stimulating and enjoyable one. We offer our children an environment where they can achieve spiritually, academically, creatively, and socially.

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Our vision is that St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School will be an inspirational school where all love to work, learn and grow in the family of Christ.

Through creating a stimulating learning experience, our children will become confident, independent and resilient with a social conscience for their journey through life. They will develop skills alongside knowledge to equip them to thrive in an increasingly complex and changing world.

Our school will be a place where all learners are happy and safe in a stimulating environment where the values of Jesus Christ are at the centre of everything we do.

As a Catholic School, we see Christ as the foundation of all our educational efforts. We are a community whose aims and work are lit by the vision of the Gospel. Our Mission is to bring the children to know, love and serve God in their hearts and minds.

Our Aims

We seek to:

- create a caring community in which each child is enabled to fulfil their full potential; spiritually, morally and academically.
- create an environment in which each child is encouraged to develop an enquiring mind and a life-long love of learning,
- ensure that every aspect of school life is rooted in the Gospel values
- recognise and value parents as the first educators of their children, fostering positive relationships and strong working partnerships between the school, parents, and all those responsible for the children's welfare and education.
- encourage each child to aspire to good moral behaviour and guide each child towards maturity; enabling each child to become a caring, responsible, active member of the community.



Our Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1:

To promote and encourage a Catholic ethos throughout the school and the community:

1.1 We ensure Catholic traditions underpin all aspects of school learning and behaviour.

1.2 We encourage the parish and local Catholic community to engage fully in the life of the school.

Strategic Objective 2:

To establish a growth mindset learning culture:

2.1 We encourage resilience and perseverance in our children to ensure successful learning.

2.2 We promote the belief that intelligence can be grown and developed with persistence, effort, and a focus on learning – all children can achieve higher and better.

2.3 We encourage children to take an active and lead role in their own learning and progression; confidently learning from mistakes.

Strategic Objective 3:

To learn through an inspirational curriculum

3.1 We use a curriculum that is based upon the provision of a breadth of opportunities; a creative and challenging curriculum, where skills are developed alongside knowledge.

3.2 We create challenging learning experiences which bring together all the areas of the curriculum, and present these in topics which are fun, exciting and engaging.

3.3 We deliver a curriculum that provides rich opportunities for high quality learning in class and in local areas.

3.4 We create a curriculum which contributes to pupils' personal well-being and to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

3.4 We develop children's confidence to express themselves through a curriculum encompassing science, the arts and humanities.

3.5 We use formative assessment building on the daily assessment for learning within the classroom.

3.6 We provide opportunities to experience a diverse extra curriculum



Strategic Objective 4:

To develop and embed high quality and strong leadership throughout the school

- 4.1 Governors contribute to the strategic direction of the school, ensuring clarity of vision and ethos.
- 4.2 We develop efficient and effective processes for the governing body and support, monitor and challenge the Senior Leadership Team.
- 4.3 We seek out and replicate excellent practice, share best practice and coordinate professional development.
- 4.4 We provide leadership opportunities for staff who demonstrate initiative and vision.
- 4.5 We support the development of effective performance management and continuing professional development opportunities for improving teaching, based on the identified needs of staff, as well as the needs of the school.

Strategic Objective 5:

To enhance the welfare offered to pupils, families and staff

- 5.1 We provide a safe and secure environment for all pupils, families and staff.
- 5.2 We identify pupils in need of early intervention and pastoral care.
- 5.3 We promote good physical and mental health and healthy lifestyles.
- 5.4 We increase opportunities for pupils to voice their ideas and opinions.