



*In the Light of Jesus
we Learn to Shine*

Home, School and Parish Policy

As members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School community, we strive to live out explicitly the Catholic ethos and mission of our school. We are working together in love as a community of faith. We believe that the family has the primary role in leading their children to an awareness of the love of God. We believe our relationships with parents, parishes and community are strong and we also recognise the value of working and engaging with other partners.

Aims

- To strengthen the home, school and parish links in order to help the children grow in faith as part of a worshipping community.
- To enrich the life of the home, school, parish and community by interaction and support of one another.

Strategies

- The St. Alban Catholic Schools' Partnership to promote staff, pupil and governor network links.
- The school improvement partnership with the LA continues to provide an external perspective and validation of our judgements, including challenge and support from the School Improvement Adviser and LA consultants.
- We have strong links with the learning support service and SEND team and meet regularly with all relevant services through our termly School Liaison Meeting to discuss children causing concern.
- To promote the learning of SEND children the class teacher and SENCo meet parents regularly to involve them in supporting their child's progress towards PLSP targets.
- We provide parents with an annual report and hold parent consultation meetings termly to discuss pupil progress.
- We hold curriculum and information workshops for parents to help support their child's learning.
- We provide monthly Newsletters so that parents are well informed about events happening in school.
- We provide termly newsletters to inform parents of our RE programme and guidance for supporting children at home to develop their spirituality.
- We provide termly curriculum letters to inform parents of the work the children will be covering.
- We work in partnership with other schools to share good practice and provide school to school support.
- Liaison with feeder and transfer schools to ensure smooth and effective transition at the end of KS1 and KS2.
- Family Workers, EWO services and members of the Chaplaincy Team provide support to vulnerable families and make home visits as appropriate.
- Educational visits, enrich the curriculum and promote the well-being of children.

- Visits from outside speakers and organisations are used to further promote the children's well-being e.g. the school nurse services, police, Road Safety Team, Library service, CAFOD and Luton Council of Faith.
- Curriculum Days are organised to involve partners from the wider community in order to promote the children's enjoyment of their learning.
- We maintain close links with the parish and work closely with the Parish Priest, Deacon and local clergy to promote all children's development and spiritual well-being.
- Priests from the Diocese support the school in the celebration of liturgies e.g. planned masses and services in school and at St. Joseph's Parish Church.
- The School Choir sing for elderly people in the community.
- Local parishioners support the school through participation in events organised by the Family Workers and Chaplaincy Team e.g. Fairtrade events, International School activities.
- Invitations to parents, parishioners and governors to attend celebrations and liturgies.
- The Home and School Agreement (shared by all schools in the St. Alban Catholic Schools' Partnership) outlines and clarifies expectations for the relationship between home and school.
- We support pupils from the local community in work experience placements and apprenticeships.
- Networking and links with other schools to raise academic standards and develop the spirituality of both pupils and staff.
- Working in partnership with the Trust and St. Alban Catholic Schools' Partnership.
- Working in partnership with the Luton Central Area Partnership of schools (CAP).

Future Development

- To further develop the role of the Chaplaincy Team and Faith Ambassadors
- To further develop the Fairtrade Group and its role within the school

Monitoring: The Head teacher and RE Subject Leader(s) will report termly to the Governors on priorities relating to this policy.