

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School



## Spiritual Development Policy

*“Aim high – live life to the full”*

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## **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School**

### **Policy for Spiritual Education and Development**

#### **What is spiritual education and development?**

The staff and governors of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School believe that spiritual education and

development of children is an ongoing, lifelong process. Children under our care hopefully will never stop developing spiritually.

### How do we approach the spiritual teaching of our children?

We believe that spirituality is not simply based upon religion, prayers, the Church and Catholicism. You cannot see it or touch it. It is something that you feel inside and when you are at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School. It is not the body part of our being; it is holiness, imagination and empathy with others.

### How is spirituality promoted?

Spiritual learning and development is promoted by all governors, staff, parents and children through the ethos and mission of our school. The staff and children live out their spirituality in whole school assemblies, Collective Worship, prayer time, circle time, links with our local, national and global communities as through their understanding of British Values.

We regard knowledge of other people's faiths, hopes and beliefs very important.

### Our Evaluation Criteria

Spiritual education is to be evaluated by the extent to which the school provides opportunities for pupils:

- To acquire insights into their personal existence
- To make sense of their and others' life experiences
- To foster a sense of wonder, awe, reverence and imagination

about themselves and the world

- To develop the human capacity to go beyond physical reality
- To develop a sense of the presence of God in their lives
- To reflect and respond in a way appropriate to themselves to this presence
- To become familiar with the life, words and actions of the saints, significant Christians and other inspirational people
- To hear of how people of other faiths respond to the spiritual dimension of their lives and to recognise similarities with ours

*Spirituality is the need to celebrate ourselves because everybody is different and everybody is at a different stage of their spiritual journey of life.*

*To touch or reach someone is to confirm their importance to the membership of the family of the Church.*

