

**Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education  
(PSHCE) Policy  
February 2023**



**Mission Statement**

*At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus, using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.*

**Aims and Objectives**

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE), and pastoral care enables children to become healthy, independent and responsible and integrated members of society. We encourage our pupils to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school, parish and the wider community. In so doing we help develop their sense of self worth and awareness that "each person is a unique creation of God and worthy of respect." We teach them how society is organised and governed. We teach them about Christian values, rights and responsibilities. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse multicultural society.

The aims of personal, social and health education, citizenship and pastoral care are to enable the children to:

- know and understand what constitutes a healthy, integrated lifestyle;
- be aware of safety issues;
- understand what makes for good relationships with others and with God;
- have respect for others, for the environment and for all forms of life;
- be independent, caring and responsible members of the school and local community;
- be positive and active members of a democratic society;
- develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and make informed choices;
- regarding personal, spiritual, social and community issues;
- develop good relationships with other members of the school, parish and the wider community.

We meet these aims in a variety of ways:

- **Teaching and learning style** – we place emphasis on active and co-operative learning and include children in discussions. We encourage children to take part in a range of practical activities that promote active citizenship and Christian values, e.g. charity fundraising or CAFOD events.
- **Curriculum Planning** – we include the teaching of PSHCE through the statutory RSHE planning as well as including cross curricular opportunities in other subjects e.g. when teaching about local environmental issues in geography. There is also some overlap in our RE teaching.
- **A whole school approach** – PSCHE is taught from EYFS through to year 6. PSCHE aspects are related to PSE Early Learning Goals and the teaching of 'Understanding the World'.
- **Inclusive teaching**- We teach PSHCE to all children, regardless of their ability or additional needs.
- **Assessment and recording** - We have clear expectations of what the pupils will know, understand and be able to do at the end of each key stage.
- **Monitoring and Review** -The PSHCE Leader supports colleagues in the teaching of PSHCE by giving them information about current developments in this area and by providing a strategic lead and direction in the school.