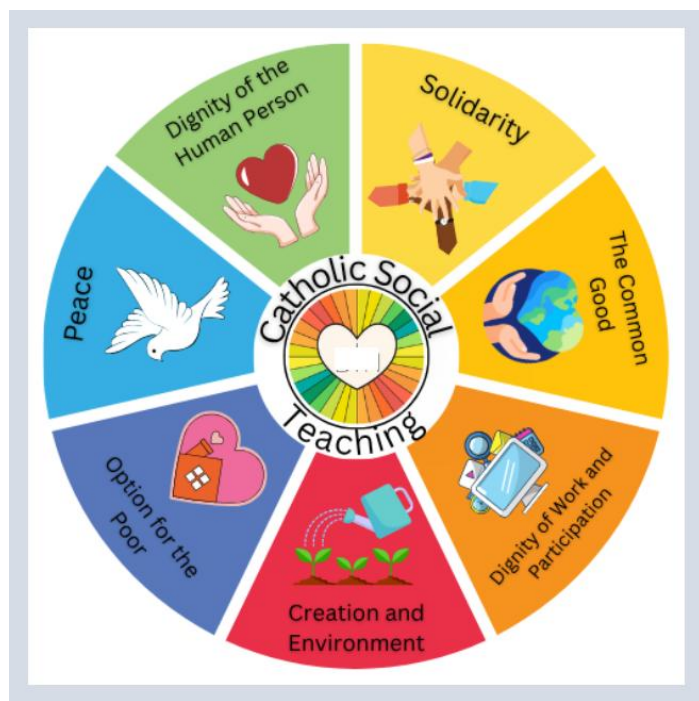


Catholic Social teaching Curriculum Statement



At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pickering, Catholic Social Teaching is at the heart of our curriculum. Inspired by the example of St Joseph and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we strive to ensure that every subject helps our children recognise their dignity as children of God and their responsibility to care for others and the world around them.

Through every area of learning, we encourage our pupils to become compassionate, thoughtful and active citizens who seek the common good. Children are given opportunities to explore issues of justice, peace, stewardship, human dignity and solidarity, enabling them to understand how their learning can make a positive difference both locally and globally.

Each subject provides meaningful opportunities to develop the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Whether caring for God's creation through Science and Geography, promoting fairness and equality through History and PSHE, expressing hope and human dignity through English, Art and Music, or demonstrating teamwork, respect and perseverance in Physical Education, our curriculum encourages pupils to live out their faith through their words and actions.

By embedding Catholic Social Teaching across the curriculum, we nurture children who are inspired to serve others, stand up for what is right, respect the dignity of every person and become faithful stewards of God's gifts. In doing so, we prepare our pupils not only for academic success but also to become courageous disciples who build God's Kingdom within our school, our community and the wider world.

Matthew 25: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

English

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we believe that English enables children to find their voice and use it for good. Through reading, writing, speaking and listening, pupils develop empathy, celebrate diversity and learn to communicate with kindness, truth and respect. By exploring a wide range of texts such as 'The Dancing Bear' and 'Rooftoppers' children are encouraged to think critically, considering different perspectives, and through books such as 'Greta and the Giants' and 'Coming to England' children deepen their understanding of human dignity, justice and compassion, inspiring them to become thoughtful citizens who speak out for the common good.

Mathematics

Mathematics encourages children to think logically, solve problems and make fair and responsible decisions. Through developing resilience, perseverance and collaboration, pupils learn to use their mathematical understanding to serve others and contribute positively to society. Mathematics helps children appreciate the importance of fairness, stewardship of resources and working together for the benefit of all.

Science

Science inspires awe and wonder in God's creation. Pupils investigate, question and discover the world around them while developing a deep respect for the environment and all living things. In our broad range of topics such as Living Things and their Habitats, Sound, Plants and Forces, children learn to appreciate the principles behind the processes that promote and affect life on Earth. Through scientific enquiry, children recognise their responsibility to care for our common home and use scientific knowledge wisely for the good of humanity and future generations.

Religious Education

Religious Education is the foundation of our Catholic life. Through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, children grow in faith, recognise the dignity of every person and develop a commitment to justice, peace, service and love. RE inspires pupils to become faithful disciples who live out the Gospel in their daily lives. Pupils at St Jospeh also learn to appreciate the beliefs and wisdoms of other world religions such as Islam and Judaism, and also understand that there are those with no beliefs or humanist viewpoints.

History

History helps children understand how people and societies have shaped our world. By exploring past successes, conflicts and injustices, pupils develop compassion, learn the importance of justice and recognise the need to stand up for truth and equality. By reflecting on lessons of the past such as justice, conflict and use of power in our study of past civilisations like the Romans and Vikings, History encourages children to reflect on how they can contribute to a more just and peaceful future.

Geography

Geography develops children's understanding of God's world and the interconnectedness of all people. Pupils learn about different communities, cultures and environments, fostering solidarity, respect and global responsibility. Through our focus on topics such as The Water Cycle and Hot and Cold Places, they are encouraged to become active stewards of creation and recognise their role in caring for our common home.

Art and Design

Art enables children to appreciate beauty as a gift from God and express their creativity with confidence and joy. Through artistic exploration, pupils celebrate diversity, reflect on faith and culture, and communicate messages of hope, dignity and community. Art encourages children to recognise the unique gifts that God has given to each individual.

Design and Technology

Design and Technology encourages creativity, innovation and problem-solving in the service of others. Children learn to design and create purposeful products that improve people's lives while considering sustainability and responsible use of resources. Pupils are inspired by St Joseph the Worker to use their talents with care, generosity and perseverance.

Computing

Computing equips children to become responsible, respectful and safe digital citizens. Pupils learn how technology can be used to communicate, collaborate and make a positive difference in the world while recognising the importance of human dignity, ethical decision-making and online responsibility.

Music

Music brings our school community together in celebration, prayer and joy. Through singing, performing and listening, children express themselves creatively, appreciate different cultures and develop confidence, teamwork and respect. Music enriches worship and enables pupils to praise God through their gifts and talents.

Physical Education

Physical Education promotes the dignity of every person by encouraging participation, perseverance, respect and teamwork. Pupils develop healthy lifestyles, resilience and confidence while learning the importance of fairness, inclusion and supporting one another. Through sport, children recognise that everyone has unique gifts to share.

PSHE / Personal Development

PSHE nurtures children's understanding of themselves, their relationships and their responsibilities within society. Rooted in Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching, pupils develop compassion, resilience and respect for others. They learn about justice, equality, mental wellbeing, caring for the vulnerable and making positive choices that contribute to the common good.

Modern Foreign Languages

Learning another language helps children appreciate the richness of different cultures and strengthens understanding, respect and solidarity with others around the world. Pupils develop confidence in communicating across cultures and recognise that every person is created in the image and likeness of God.

Our Commitment

Across every subject, we seek to inspire our children to live out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching by recognising the dignity of every person, caring for God's creation, working for justice, serving those in need and building communities of peace, hope and love. In the spirit of St Joseph, we encourage every child to use their God-given gifts to make a positive difference in our school, our local community and the wider world.