



ST THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Religious Education at St. Thomas More Primary

### Vision:

The mission of St. Thomas More RC Primary School is to develop each member of our community to reach their full potential as we follow in the footsteps of Christ and aim to live out the Christian values portrayed in the gospels.

We believe that just as Christ led by example, so we are called to do the same. As one family, united as children of God we have a responsibility to actively encourage and live out the gospel values of Love, Peace, Justice, Honesty and Forgiveness within our community.

We value our children as individuals, with their own unique gifts, skills and needs and we recognise the role we have to play in developing them so they are able to achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution to society. We also recognise we cannot do this alone, and as a child's first teachers, parents have a critical role to play. We therefore strive to work in partnership with them in order to fulfil our mission.

### Intent:

Our intention is to provide a safe, secure, loving and supportive environment where all individuals are valued and cared for, and have an important role to play in making our school the very best it can be.

To enrich and develop the children's understanding of the Catholic faith so they are able to live it.

Provide an environment that fosters close partnership with parents/guardians, the parish and wider community.

Meet the spiritual, physical, social, moral, cultural and academic needs of all pupils to enable them to fulfil their potential.

Lead by example as St. Thomas More did, and develop respect, kindness, tolerance, responsibility and care for others and ourselves.

Provide a broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of every child so they develop the skills to become independent lifelong learners.

Provide a curriculum that encompasses the distinctive nature of Catholic Education and meets National Curriculum requirements.

Ensure all involved within the life of our school share and understand our mission statement so that it can be promoted and lived out daily.

### **Implementation:**

Implementation of our RE is in line with Bishops' Conference recommendations where 10% of curriculum time is allocated to Religious Education. This does ***not*** include Collective Worship.

To fulfil the above aims and to address the four areas of study outlined in the Religious Education Curriculum Directory, 2012 – Revelation, Church, Celebration and Life in Christ - the 'Come and See' programme is used as recommended by the Diocese.

Our Religious Education is taught through the process of Explore, Reveal, Respond. This follows the pattern of: the human search for meaning, God's initiative in Revelation and the response in faith.

A variety of teaching and learning strategies will be used from across the curriculum adapted appropriately to the needs and learning styles of pupils.

### **Impact:**

Religious Education at St. Thomas More's should

- Nurture children's faith.
- Promote in a gradual way their understanding and appreciation of Catholic teaching and practice.
- Develop their involvement with the Church and local community.
- Develop their ability to show care for others and be proud of themselves.
- Foster pupils' religious, spiritual and moral development.
- Develop the skills required to be able to examine and reflect on religious belief and practise, including those from other faiths and cultures.
- Develop a sense of awe and wonder.