

Curriculum Intent Statement

The aim at St John Bosco Catholic Primary School is to provide opportunities for children to develop as independent, confident, successful learners with high aspirations who know how to make a positive contribution to their community and the wider society. As a thriving Catholic School, our catholic ethos is at the core of our curriculum. We ensure that all of our pupils respect each other and have respect for people of all faiths, race and gender. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect and dignity. There is a high focus on developing children's moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding. St John Bosco Catholic Primary School ensures that children are well prepared for life in modern Britain.

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School is recognised for its approach to teaching reading. As a National English Hub, we endeavour to deliver excellent early language and reading teaching in the Early Years and Key Stage 1, including age-appropriate phonics and essential next steps in reading. Every child has the right to learn to read.

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School provides a highly inclusive environment where learners enjoy their education. Pupils at all levels are helped to achieve their potential. Those who are most able are challenged, by being encouraged to expand their skills and knowledge through varied curriculum opportunities. Those who find learning more difficult are encouraged and given targeted support to embed skills in order to support them to develop at their own pace and to learn in a style that best suits their individual needs.

The focus on curriculum development is always carefully designed to ensure coverage and progression. St John Bosco Catholic Primary School provides pupils with memorable experiences, in addition to diverse and rich opportunities from which children can learn and develop a range of transferable skills. A primary focus of our curriculum is to raise aspirations, engender a sense of personal pride in achievement, provide a purpose and relevance for learning and ultimately to help every student to find strengths and interests.

Sport has a very high profile so pupils at St John Bosco Catholic Primary School are introduced to a huge variety of activities. Traditional sports such as netball and football are complimented by cricket, athletics, tag rugby, dance, gymnastics, dodgeball and weekly swimming sessions. Giving sport a focus has engaged many children including children with SEN. It has also increased confidence in pupils and been used to teach life skills such as teamwork, determination, perseverance and acceptance of winning/losing.

The school also excels in art, music and drama by providing quality opportunities for students to mature and share their creative talents. Our display projects such as 'Dinosaur's' celebrates artistic achievement.

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School provides the full core offer of extended school provision. To promote physical health and wellbeing, as well as increasing the love and curiosity of topics, a wide variety of clubs both after school hours and during lunch times are offered including multi-sport, tag rugby, cricket, science, Art & DT, ICT and story time.

Subject leaders play an important part in the success of the curriculum by leading a regular programme of monitoring, evaluation and review. The innovative practice across St John Bosco Catholic Primary School provides a strong foundation and allows opportunities for children to work in teams and develop social skills both indoors and out. The curriculum design ensures that the needs of individual and small groups of children can be met within the environment of high-quality teaching, supported by targeted, proven interventions where appropriate. In this way, it can be seen to impact in a very positive way on pupil outcomes. Enjoyment of the curriculum promotes achievement, confidence and good behaviour. Children feel safe to try new things.