

Moral Development Policy

"Living the Gospel in the spirit of love and respect".

What is Moral Development?

Moral Development is about a growing awareness of, and a positive response to, the demands of living as an individual with others in community. It involves the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil in a social context.

At Saint Wilfrid's, moral development helps members of the School Community to live and work effectively within the context of a shared set of values and a shared practice of moral discernment and decision. Through the curriculum, through Collective Worship and through its ethos, the school helps pupils to develop their understanding of moral rules and how to use these rules in making moral decisions.

Aims of the School

- To help all members of the School Community to develop respect for self, others and the environment.
- To promote Christian values and attitudes.
- To promote positive relationships among all members of the School Community.
- To help pupils develop a moral conscience.
- To give children opportunities to acquire and develop the qualities and attitudes that will enable them to become better human beings.

How does the school contribute to moral development?

At St. Wilfrid's School, moral education is provided through all aspects of the curriculum; through the religious programme "Come and See", through Collective Worship, Liturgies and Assemblies and through the Christian ethos of the school.

St Wilfrid's School provides opportunities for pupils to:-

- Discuss moral issues and to develop their feelings for others.
- Exercise the self-discipline that will enable them to fulfil their potential. Discuss and debate ideas of right and wrong in relation to current issues.
- Reflect on moral rules, shared values and their importance for good relationships and social stability. E.g. In Assemblies, Collective Worship.
- Become involved in drawing up Codes of Conduct. E.g. classroom rules.
- Analyse the consequences of their actions. E.g. P.S.H.E.
- KS2 House meetings.
- Contribute to charity collections. E.g. CAFOD, Good Shepherd & Nugent Care, Children in Need, Operation Christmas Child, local charities, MacMillan Cancer.
- Listen to stories with moral messages.

- Experience the value and importance of positive behaviour. E.g. Personal, Social and Emotional Development in the Early Years curriculum.

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