"Christ's ministry, as recounted in the Gospels, and the values he promoted through his teachings are fundamental to the life of our school in fulfilling its purpose as a Catholic institution." (Mission Statement)

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Policy for Art and Design & Technology

This policy document sets out the school's aims, principles and strategies for the delivery of Art and Design & Technology. It gives guidance on planning, teaching and assessment. This policy is intended to be used in conjunction with teacher's individual planning styles and artistic opportunities which may arise according to environment and current affairs.

Art and Design & Technology offers opportunities to:

- Stimulate children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world.

- Explore with children's ideas and meanings in the work of artists, craftspeople and designers.

- Help children to learn about the functions of art, craft and design in their own lives.

- Describe the purpose of art, craft and design in different times and cultures.

- Guide children to learn about how to make thoughtful judgements and aesthetic & practical decisions to become active in shaping a variety of environments.

- Help develop an understanding of technological processes, products and their manufacture.

Provision for implementing Art and Design & Technology.

- Art is taught in every class for one hour per week unless exemption due to circumstances such as year 6 SATS and school performances.

- Design & Technology is taught through topic work, producing two or three projects according to year group.

- A list of relevant Art galleries, Museums and other places of interest is made available when necessary for all staff.

- Artists studied include <u>Clarice Cliff, Van Gogh & Claude Monet; also, the choice of Seurat, Pollock, Turner & Hockney.</u>

The focus areas for Art are:

Colour

Shape and space

Texture

Pattern

The focus areas for Design & Technology are:

Design and making skills

Creativity and innovation

Use and Safety of tools

Monitoring:

The Art and Design & Technology Co-ordinator will :-

- Observe Art and Design & Technology in progress during class lessons.

- Monitor Art displays throughout the school.

- Audit all Art and Design & Technology planning.

- Audit Art and Design & Technology materials and order relevant supplies where necessary.

- Discuss and inform staff of any changes.

- Portfolio the children's work annually through the use of an "Art Gallery".

- Provide a piece of Art work termly in the school hall that encourages 'deeper thinking' questions.

The Art and Design & Technology Co-ordinator will review this policy biannually.