



## **The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School**

### **EYFS STATEMENT OF INTENT**

#### **CURRICULUM STATEMENT**

The EYFS curriculum at The Blessed Sacrament reflects the Church's vision for all Catholic schools as well as following the ethos of the Early Years Framework. We ensure that our curriculum builds upon the knowledge, skills and understanding of all children whatever their starting points and is centred on the children's interests as well as their needs.

The EYFS curriculum covers Nursery and Reception and is split into seven areas of learning, three prime areas and four specific areas.

#### **Prime:**

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Moving and Handling

#### **Specific:**

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our EYFS curriculum is underpinned by a play-based approach to learning and children have access to well planned activities within continuous provision both inside and outside. Children are continually observed and assessed using an online Learning Journey Tapestry. This ensures that all children make continual progress and achieve the Early Learning Goals. The curriculum reflects the needs of our children and we ensure that children are given wider opportunities to enhance their learning such, cookery lessons, visits in the local community and parent workshops to encourage parental engagement.

#### **CURRICULUM INTENT**

The curriculum reflects the Church's vision for all Catholic schools and provides both education formation and aspiration. It teaches children, through the Gospel Values, how to live a good and fulfilled life. Our children develop a deep understanding of who they are and are ambitious in their dreams for the future.

Our Curriculum is driven by the following aspects which are explicitly explored through our teaching of Religious Education and the Prime Areas.

- Possibility
- Enquiry
- Emotional Awareness.

We believe the development of language and vocabulary acquisition is vital to our children's development. We deliver targeted Speech and Language sessions using the 'Wellcomm' programme as we believe we need to help children 'close the word gap'. Our Nursery is also using the Hanen approach 'Learning language and loving it' to enhance conversational skills and develop vocabulary. Early reading is also promoted with daily Phonics sessions using the Letters and Sounds programme as well as library visits and home reading books which are changed daily. Early Numeracy is taught daily through a range of practical activities and using a variety of resources and equipment, to manipulate numbers. We ensure that our Numeracy teaching develops skills such as problem solving, understanding and use shapes and measure through a variety of activities set up within the classroom.

