



Holy Rood Catholic Primary  
School, Swindon.



## Chaplaincy Policy



## School Vision:

### Belong

At Holy Rood Catholic Primary School we will provide a nurturing and inclusive environment enthused by the Spirit of Christ to enable everyone to make a positive contribution, both to the school and the wider community. We will show love, compassion and respect for others.

A sense of unity will be created by forming relationships that are based on trust, loyalty, forgiveness and acceptance; we will endeavour to act justly and be peacemakers as Christ's disciples, inspired by the Gospel values.

We will encourage a sense of responsibility and help children learn to appreciate God's world around them through reflection, mission, prayer, healing and peace.

### Learn

We resolve to develop a sense of awe and wonder at God's creation for our children -where creativity flourishes and everyone is inspired to learn, demonstrating a curiosity about the world around them.

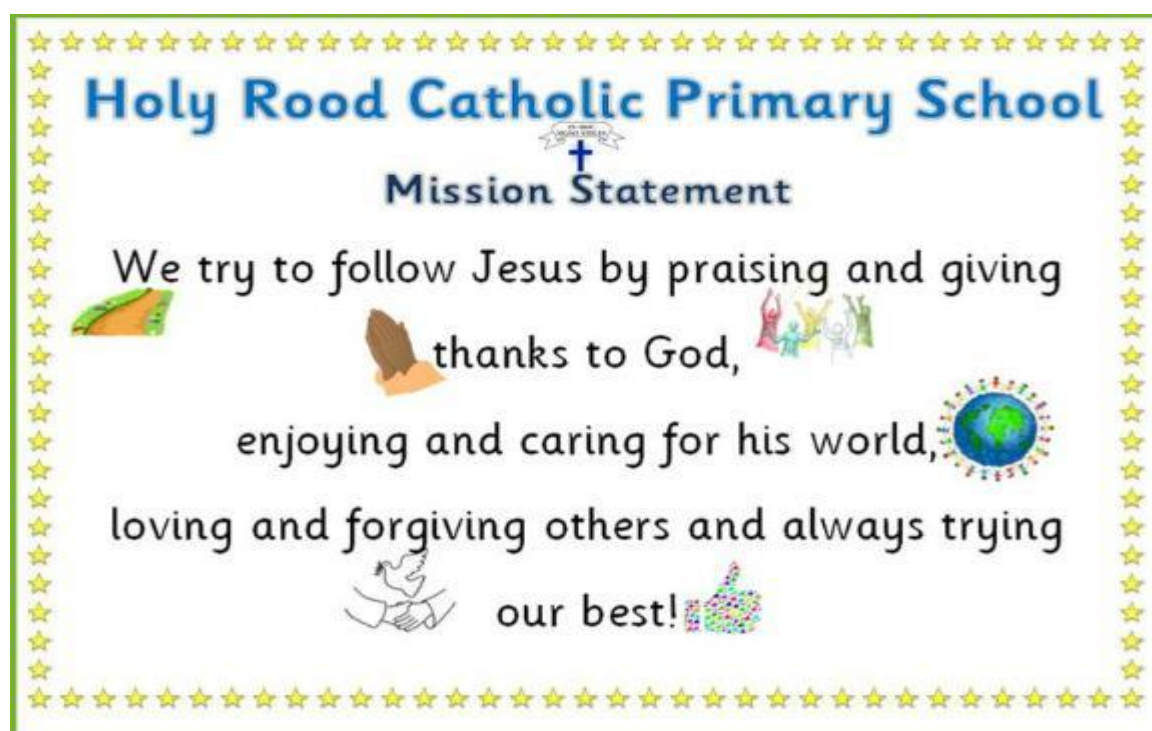
We will strive to ensure that all of our learners are able to face new challenges with confidence, in a Christian learning environment where informed risk taking and a resilient attitude are welcomed, encouraged and achieved.

Our positive and enthusiastic approach to teaching and learning will motivate every person. Each will know that they are uniquely loved by God. We will continue to enjoy our learning and reflect on our efforts and achievements, inspiring us to always try our best.

### Achieve

The children will be determined in their daily challenges, gaining confidence in their own ability, imagining what they could achieve with continued effort and commitment and working to fulfil the exclusive plan God has for each of them.

By fully engaging in all aspects of school, children will go on to accomplish as ambitious and competent individuals, always striving to achieve their full potential and positively participating in God's world.



## **Chaplaincy**

Chaplaincy is the way help and encouragement is offered to staff and pupils as they try to fulfil their respective roles within the school community. We recognise and appreciate the role played by staff, parents, priests, governors, pupils and their families as we try to fulfil our aim of being “a community which has Jesus at the heart of all we do.” All of the pupils within our school have the responsibility of being chaplains, however we have a core group of chaplaincy leaders to drive this role forward. Our Chaplaincy leaders try to foster the Christ-centred Catholic ethos of the school and share it with members of our wider school community through a variety of liturgical and spiritual opportunities. We support and encourage all pupils and staff in their faith journey.

## **People**

Our chaplaincy leaders at Holy Rood consists of:

- The two RE subject leads
- One class teacher
- One HLTAs
- 2 children from each KS2 class

## **The aims of the Chaplaincy Team:**

- To deepen prayer - we will try and help everyone get closer to God.
- To enable Communion – we will try our best to make sure that everyone feels a part of the school and the church community and knows that God loves and cares for them.
- To strengthen mission – we will make sure we help others, especially those who are not as lucky as we are and showing others what it means to be a person of Faith.
- To support in leading Celebration of the Word.

## **Our role in school**

- To help the school to be a community of faith.
- To encourage everyone to live their faith in daily living.
- To develop good relationships within and beyond the school community.
- To support Liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school.
- To involve pupils in fundraising for charities.
- To continue to develop strong links with the Parish.
- To support the school in its Mission Statement.

## **Planning**

Members of the Chaplaincy Team will meet every week, every other term;

- To review the prayer spaces
- To plan celebrations, liturgy and class Celebration of the Word
- To help lead and organise whole school Religious celebrations
- To look at the needs of the school and how the Chaplaincy Team can support them.
- To keep updated on the role of Chaplaincy e.g. by attending Chaplaincy courses and meeting with children from our Catholic Cluster.
- To develop their role as Leaders in Faith through the Diocesan award scheme.



### **Chaplaincy Team and Inclusion**

Rooted in our Catholic Social Teaching's and guided by our RED, *"To know you more clearly and to love you more dearly,"* the Chaplaincy Team will promote the dignity of every child and the call to participation by ensuring that all pupils are able to apply to be part of the team. The selection and organisation of the Chaplaincy Team will be inclusive and fair, with appropriate support, reasonable adjustments, and flexibility provided so that all children can apply for and carry out this role. The Chaplaincy Team reflects the values of solidarity, respect, and the common good, enabling every child to contribute their gifts, grow in faith, and serve the school community in a meaningful way.

### **Day to day roles**

As the members of the chaplaincy team progress through the school, they take on more responsibility for the prayer spaces and Prayer and Liturgy.

They do this by helping:

- To monitor and resource prayer spaces
- To help prepare Celebration of the Word and take a leading role.
- To take part in assemblies.
- To lead whole school events such as Prayer clubs during key liturgical times □  
To welcome visitors and act as ambassadors around the school.