

Policy for:

Catholic Life



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Vision Statement

Excellence for all through Jesus' love.

Mission Statement

To aim high and achieve our God-given potential as socially responsible citizens, loving one another as Jesus loves us.

At St Modwen's Catholic Primary School, we are committed to fostering a Christ-centered community where the Gospel values of love, respect, and service are lived and celebrated. Our school provides a nurturing environment that encourages spiritual growth, academic excellence, and the holistic development of each child in partnership with parents, parish, and the wider community. Our mission and vision guide us in ensuring that every child flourishes academically, socially, and spiritually in the light of Christ's love.

1. Vision and Ethos

At St Modwen's, we seek to nurture the faith of every child by:

- Placing Christ at the center of all we do.
- Encouraging prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth.
- Embedding Gospel values in everyday school life.
- Promoting respect, compassion, and service to others.
- Strengthening the partnership between home, school, and parish.
- Striving for *Excellence For All Through Jesus' Love*.
- Helping every child *aim high and achieve their God-given potential*.

2. Prayer and Liturgy

Prayer and liturgy are at the heart of our school life. We ensure that:

- The school day begins and ends with prayer .
- Children participate in daily collective worship, including liturgies and assemblies.
- Regular Masses are celebrated with the school community, including feast days and special liturgical seasons.
- Opportunities for reflection, meditation, and personal prayer are provided.
- Children are involved in planning and leading acts of worship.

3. Religious Education

Religious Education (RE) is fundamental to the curriculum at St Modwen's. We:

- Follow the Diocesan-approved RE Programme, 'Learning and Growing as the People of God', ensuring high-quality faith formation.
- Provide a curriculum that develops knowledge of scripture, doctrine, sacraments, and Catholic tradition.
- Foster an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and its application in daily life.
- Encourage pupils to explore their own faith journey while respecting other religious traditions.
- Support children in loving one another as Jesus loves us.

4. Catholic Social Teaching and Service

We promote Catholic Social Teaching through:

- Acts of charity and fundraising for local, national, and international causes.
- Engagement in social justice initiatives, caring for the poor and vulnerable.
- Encouraging pupils to develop a sense of responsibility and active service within the school and parish community.
- Stewardship of creation through environmental awareness and sustainable practices.
- Developing socially responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.

5. Sacramental Preparation

In partnership with parents and the parish, we support children in their sacramental journey by:

- Preparing pupils for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Working closely with the parish priest and catechists.
- Encouraging families to participate actively in the parish.

6. Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

We are committed to the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of every child by:

- Creating a loving and inclusive school environment.
- Offering pastoral support through pupils in leadership roles and well-being programs.
- Ensuring that policies reflect Catholic values of dignity, respect, and compassion.
- Helping each child achieve their God-given potential by fostering resilience and self-belief.

7. Partnerships with Parents, Parish, and Community

Our school thrives on strong relationships with:

- Parents as the first educators of their children in faith.
- The parish community through active participation in Masses and parish events.
- Local and global communities through outreach programs and partnerships.

8. Evaluation and Monitoring

To ensure the Catholic Life of the school remains vibrant and impactful, we:

- Conduct regular self-evaluations using diocesan guidelines.
- Seek feedback from pupils, parents, staff, and governors.
- Engage in professional development to enhance Catholic ethos and faith formation.
- Maintain close collaboration with the Diocese and other Catholic educational bodies.

Conclusion

At St Modwen's Catholic Primary School, we are dedicated to living out the teachings of Jesus Christ in all aspects of school life. Through prayer, worship, learning, and service, we nurture the faith and moral development of every child, preparing them to be compassionate and responsible members of society. By striving for *Excellence For All Through Jesus' Love*, we empower our pupils *to aim high and achieve their God-given potential as socially responsible citizens, always loving one another as Jesus loves us*.