St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Intent Statement

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"Education is an act of love; it is giving life." Pope Francis

The curriculum at St Oswald's Catholic Primary School is designed to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their faith, ***'Live, love and learn'*** like Jesus.

We believe, that each one of the precious children at St Oswald's was carved by God to be an outstanding human being. Our vision is to ensure they accept the responsibility of achieving their full potential. It is important they must be equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding, as well as the spirit and confidence, to make a positive contribution to God's Kingdom. They must become good human beings, who let their light shine in the world. They must view the world with ambition and positivity, as a place with potential to be better, rather than one they must accept and cope with.

It is our intent that St Oswald's will be an environment where we will all be inspired to the best versions of ourselves. The children will develop positivity towards their learning and develop aspirations for themselves. They will desire excellence and know that through hard work and dedication, and by embracing challenge, they can succeed. The children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development will permeate our whole curriculum.

The staff team will show pride in the education they provide the children, knowing that by making the most of their God-given gifts, they will better inspire the children to become the wonderful person God intended them to be.

Intention 1 - ***To be masters of English and mathematics***

Our curriculum intends to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential in English and mathematics. They will develop the requisite knowledge, skills and understanding in reading, writing and mathematics to successfully engage in the wider curriculum and be ready for the next stage of their academic journey.

Intention 2 - ***To have proud Coppull roots in God's diverse, exciting world***

Coppull is a village community on the outskirts of Chorley. The local area has a proud history, one which flourished during the industrial revolution, with railways, canals, cotton mills and mining transforming the village. Our pupils will learn to know and understand their local area's history and geography – they will show pride in their roots.

Many families that St Oswald's serves are White British. On entry to our school community, the pupils generally show a limited knowledge and understanding of the world. A large proportion of our pupils are baptised Catholic. Currently, St Oswald's does not serve any children from a different faith. Our curriculum intends to give the pupils opportunities to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the world – what it is like now, what it was like in the past and how significant people and events have shaped it. Additionally, each child will develop an appreciation and respect for other cultures and faiths. Just like Jesus with the Good Samaritan, we want our pupils to be inspired by other faiths and cultures.

God's diverse, exciting kingdom is full of awe and wonder – it poses endless opportunities for our pupils to enquire about the scientific world we live in. Our curriculum will ensure that pupils develop inquisitive minds, making sure they have the skills to investigate the scientific world.

Intention 3 - ***To develop healthy minds and healthy bodies***

Our children will recognise that they are all created in God's image, that they are all unique individuals, and this is to be celebrated for them to feel a sense of self-worth and value. The children will cherish the gift of life and understand how to keep their bodies and their minds fit and healthy.

Physical Education will be a strong influence on our pupil's physical, social and moral development. Our pupils will be fit, active and healthy in body and mind. From EYFS, they will develop the fundamental physical skills required to successfully access a broad, progressive PE curriculum. They will have opportunities to take part in competitive school sport, developing teamwork, humility and resilience. Children will be encouraged to extend their involvement in sport beyond school, opening them up to the wealth of experiences and friendships that sport provides.

Our pupils will understand the importance of establishing positive relationships in order to embrace all life's experiences. They will develop an increasing awareness of their own bodies and how changes occur as they grow. They will learn how to stay safe, how to manage life's challenges with positivity and know how to seek help for themselves and others. They will accept their responsibility for helping to maintain an inclusive and respectful community, both in the real and online worlds.

Intention 4 - ***To be creative - expressing ourselves and inspiring others.***

Each of our pupils is made in the image of God – the greatest creator of all. Every child at St Oswald's has God-given gifts and talents, through which they can express themselves and communicate creatively in celebration of their unique selves. Our curriculum intends to create an appreciation and love of the arts. It aims to teach the children a broad range of artistic and musical skills, so that they may express themselves with confidence and inspire others. They will have opportunities to shine beyond the academic curriculum. We intend to create cultural capital in our pupils, exposing them to a wide range of artistic experiences they may not ordinarily encounter.

Intention 5 - ***To be technological inventors, problem solvers and communicators***

The scientific wonders of the world, combined with human technological enhancement, ensure that God's world continues to advance. He has given children a natural sense of wonder, which we will harness to help them learn practical skills in technology and computing. They will become technological inventors and problem solvers, now and in their future lives. Also, they will become proficient and effective in using technology to communicate their ideas.

Through computing, gaming and other experiences in the virtual world, many of our pupils develop resilience, adaptability and creativity in problem solving. We intend to show them how to apply these skills to real life problems in Design and Technology and Computing. The children will be given practical opportunities to investigate, design and create. They will learn how to evaluate and adapt their designs to improve their outcomes.