



**ST. GERARD'S**  
CATHOLIC  
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## **ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL CURRICULUM VISION STATEMENT**

In St. Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery school, we strive to develop the whole person. We believe that each person is a unique individual with a God given dignity. All of our children are entitled to be given opportunities to reach their full potential therefore we must provide for them an education which will enable them to be personally fulfilled and to become socially, morally, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and culturally integrated members of society. In order to achieve this we will work together through relationships, curriculum, environment and worship.

The Gospel Values will be at the heart of our rich, broad and balanced curriculum. We will provide:

- ✓ A curriculum which is fun, exciting, challenging, dynamic and relevant to our children.
- ✓ Curriculum leaders will strive to make their subjects the best that they can be.
- ✓ Everyone will show pride in their work
- ✓ A curriculum which will celebrate cultural diversity.

The aim of the National Curriculum in England is to:

*"provide pupils with an introduction to the essential knowledge that they need to be educated citizens. It introduces pupils to the best that has been thought and said; and helps engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement....."*

*.....The national curriculum provides an outline of core knowledge around which teachers can develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum."*

At St. Gerard's a full range of national curriculum subjects are delivered in order to offer all of our children a broad and balanced curriculum. These include: English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design, Design Technology, Physical Education, Music, Mandarin and Computing. Basic Skills, Philosophy for Learning, British Values, Personal, Social and Health Education, Citizenship and Safer Messages are woven within our whole school curriculum. To find out more about these subjects visit the curriculum pages on our school website. The staff at St. Gerard's are responsible for the leadership of one of the curriculum subjects. Each subject leader reviews the curriculum plans for their subject, ensures that there is full coverage of the national curriculum programmes of study and that there is progression of skills.

The staff at St. Gerard's endeavour to ensure that all children are motivated, inspired and want to learn. The learning experiences that they provide are enriched through visits, visitors, themed weeks and extra-curricular activities. Years 2, 4 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in a residential visit to further broaden their experiences.

St. Gerard's staff set high expectations for all children and plan to ensure that there are no barriers to every child achieving. During termly Pupil Progress Meetings the progress and attainment of every child is discussed. Through these discussions additional support/challenge is evaluated and planned for where necessary.