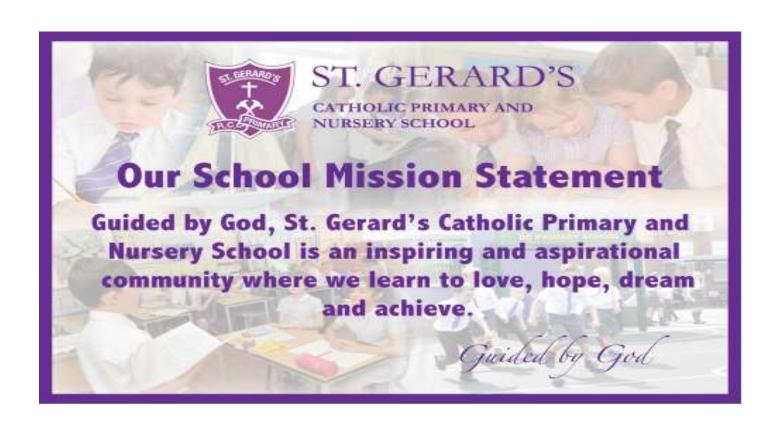
St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School Our School Mission Statement



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We aim:

- to be an inspiring and aspiring community, living the Gospel Values;
- to provide an enriching, inclusive learning experience which strives for excellence;
- to journey together in partnership to become an inspiring and aspiring community.



To be an inspiring and aspiring community, living the Gospel Values

To achieve this objective, we:

- put Christ at the centre and embrace Gospel Values and the teachings of the Catholic Church into every aspect of our school life and work;
- have a shared vision;
- uphold the dignity and value of each person as a unique individual, made in the image of Christ;
- learn about difference in our world and respect and value diversity;
- promote and model relationships and behaviour rooted in the teaching of Christ;

- deliver the 'Come and See' Religious Education Programme;
- ensure that acts of Collective Worship, prayer and liturgical celebrations are an active and integral part of the teaching and learning;
- devise and implement policies and procedures that reflect and express the Catholic faith;
- display symbols and religious icons to enable everyone to experience the uniqueness and sacredness of the learning environment;
- offer opportunities for each person to experience life in all its fullness.

To provide an enriching, inclusive learning experience which strives for excellence

To achieve this objective, we:

- acknowledge that Religious Education is at the heart of the curriculum;
- provide a Christian, structured, broad, balanced, engaging, appropriate, quality curriculum and extra-curricular programme, to empower all members of the school community to reach their full human potential;
- promote a positive, affirmative ethos;
- nurture the well-being of every individual and enable them to positively serve society;
- ensure that Religious Education is well resourced and allocated 10% of curriculum time;
- integrate the knowledge, understanding, skills and values of Religious Education into all aspects of learning and school life;
- sustain a learning environment that is distinctive, accessible, safe, stimulating and well maintained;
- teach respect and care for God's creation;
- engage positively and collaboratively with individuals, schools, services, agencies and with changes and developments in education.

To journey together in partnership to become an inspiring and aspiring community

To achieve this objective, we:

- form part of the spiritual, pastoral and community life of the Parish, Diocese and Church;
- involve the clergy, religious and catechists in the work of the school;
- support the local Parish and the Church's universal mission to make God known to all peoples;
- evolve with the Parish communities through developments in the Pastoral Area of St. Wilfrid's;
- assist parents/carers in the education and religious formation of their children;
- maintain and build upon the affirmative and supportive relationships in the school community;
- collaborate with other schools, professionals, services and agencies to meet the needs of the children and their families;
- encourage citizenship, communal responsibility and commitment to social justice;
- promote community cohesion by understanding and respecting different races, cultures and faiths;
- care for and maintain the environment as stewards of creation;
- endorse fundraising projects locally, nationally and internationally;
- serve the common good.

These are our aims and objectives; our mission statement of our School.

