



Blessed Holy Family Catholic Academy Trust

Catholic Social Teaching Policy

‘Christ at our centre, inspiring our pursuit of excellence

Introduction

Our Trust is committed to living out the Gospel values through Catholic Social Teaching (CST) across all our schools. We aim to form pupils who are compassionate, just, and active citizens, rooted in faith and committed to the common good.

Intent

This policy reflects the expectation that CST principles are embedded in:

- Curriculum and teaching
- School governance and leadership
- Pastoral care and community engagement
- Environmental stewardship and social justice initiatives

Core Principles

We uphold the following CST principles:

- **Human Dignity:** Every person is created in the image of God and deserves respect.
- **Common Good:** We work for the well-being of all, not just a few.
- **Solidarity:** We stand with others, especially the vulnerable.
- **Subsidiarity:** Decisions are made at the most local level possible.
- **Care for Creation:** We protect and cherish God's creation.
- **Preferential Option for the Poor:** We prioritize the needs of the poor and marginalized.
- **Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers:** Work is a way to participate in God's creation.

Implementation

- **Curriculum:** CST themes are integrated into all subject areas across the curriculum.
- **Worship & Prayer:** Liturgies and assemblies reflect CST values. Each school will have a prayer and worship policy that reflects this.
- **Pupil voice:** Pupils are encouraged to reflect on their Faith and be empowered to take leadership of projects that reflect their commitment to justice, equality, peace, and improving their local and global environment.
- **Community Engagement:** School across the Trust embed their partnerships with organisations such as CAFOD, Caritas, First Give and local charities, through deepening their awareness as well as raising funds.
- **Governance:** All leadership decisions and actions reflect fairness, equality, and inclusion and are based on the core CST principles. The Trust and local governing bodies reflect this through their interactions with all members of the community, for example in the implementation of policies, such as human resources and behaviours for

learning. An awareness of the care for creation is embedded in all decisions around procurement and ensuring the best services are secured based a broad commitment to the common good.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Regular review during Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI).
- Annual audit of CST activities and impact.
- Feedback from pupils, staff, and parents.

Links to Other Policies

- Curriculum statement
- Prayer and worship policy
- Equality and all inclusion policies and practices
- Schools' behaviours for learning policies
- Safeguarding Policy
- All HR policies

Review

The Trust expect that the commitment to Catholic Social teaching is monitored at local governing body level. The Trust will undertake a review on an annual basis.

Ratified:

Signed:



Name:

James Coyle, Chair of the Trust Board

Date:

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Renewal:

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