

Our Lady's Bishop Eton Catholic Primary School.



Moral Development Policy
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Living, Loving, Learning in Jesus

With Christ as our focal point, our primary objective is to enhance children's educational attainments by eliminating obstacles to learning through an extensive, well-rounded and all-inclusive curriculum delivered within a secure and empowering setting. We acknowledge the unique nature of all children, being created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). We are committed to the development of the whole children. All our children are encouraged to love, be ambitious and serve.

Our pedagogical approach is marked by creativity and engagement, ensuring that students cultivate a genuine passion for learning during their time at Our Lady's Bishop Eton. Our curriculum prioritises educational experiences that challenge each child. It is deeply rooted in our Gospel values: love, hope, compassion, forgiveness and integrity.

To facilitate exploration of themes and foster connections, our curriculum is guided by thoughtfully chosen, diverse, and high-quality texts. Specific and meaningful vocabulary is threaded throughout all subjects to develop comprehension and communication. Engaging and challenging texts are employed to captivate our learners, igniting their enthusiasm to reach their full potential.

Our school setting is equipped with stimulating resources tailored to individual needs. We instil in children the principles of safety, responsibility, and respect as integral components of their education.

Introduction

Moral education plays a crucial role in equipping students with knowledge, comprehension, intentions, attitudes, and conduct with regard to ethical principles and distinctions between right and wrong. The term 'moral' pertains to fundamental judgments concerning how we should carry ourselves and the motivations underlying our actions. It is paramount that children develop a well-defined code of behaviour rooted in fundamental moral values, which can be readily applied to everyday situations. These values encompass forgiveness, freedom, tolerance, respect, and fostering positive relationships. It is the aspiration of the entire school community to embody and uphold these values in their daily lives within the school.

Aims

At Our Lady's Bishop Eton we aim to encourage pupils' moral development at the level of each individual child's understanding in the following ways:

- As children mature and develop their moral compass, they should become increasingly skilled in applying reason to everyday situations as well as ethical dilemmas.
- Initiating the growth of pupils into independent moral thinkers.
- Cultivating personalised value systems within students rather than solely relying on externally imposed values.
- Encouraging the emergence of individual beliefs and values among pupils.

School values:

- Love
- Hope
- Compassion
- Forgiveness
- Integrity.

Through Moral Education, we develop, at the level of the children's understanding, knowledge of:

- How communities are organised and the importance of rules and laws.
- How communities reconcile the needs of individuals with those of society.
- Similarities and differences between individuals, groups and communities.
- Fairness, justice and moral responsibility.

Cross-curricular Skills

- Arguing a case clearly and concisely.
- Making choices in the light of available evidence.
- Working with others.

Attitudes

- Upholding reverence for regulations, legal procedures, and the entitlements of others.
- Valuing diverse lifestyles, beliefs, viewpoints and concepts.
- A willingness to respect rational argument and non-violent ways of resolving conflict.
- Cultivating a constructive engagement in community matters.
- Actively advocating for the preservation of human rights.
- Recognising the significance of democratic decision-making processes.

Moral Codes and Values – Pupils should be helped at their own level to:

- Develop a personal moral code and explore values and beliefs.
- Develop a concern for others.
- Develop self-respect and respect values such as hard work, honesty and truthfulness.

Pupils should be given opportunities to:

- Evaluate personal values and beliefs in contrast to those of others.
- Analyse evidence and opinions to draw informed conclusions.
- Engage in discussions to address disparities and find resolutions to conflicts.
- Deliberate and contemplate potential solutions to individual, societal and moral dilemmas.
- Acknowledge the complexity of distinguishing between right and wrong in various stations.