Saint Vincent’s Primary School

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Curriculum Rationale

*Vision, Values & Aims*



**Our School Motto:**

Our School motto, ***Kindness is the key to hearts***, is inspired by our school patron, Saint Vincent De Paul who is recognised for his charity and compassion.

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**Our School Vision:**

The vision of Saint Vincent’s Primary School is to provide quality teaching and learning that is responsive, creative, and engaging within a safe and nurturing environment where the development of all is at the heart of our Catholic School Community.

**Our Shared Vision:**

With our Parents and Parish Community, our shared vision is to provide quality teaching and learning within a school which is:

* Welcoming and inclusive
* Nurturing, caring, safe and protective
* Driven by highly dedicated and hard-working staff
* Providing opportunities for rich learning and shared experiences with home, school and Parish
* Engaging with an exciting curriculum which offers a breadth of additional opportunities to develop skills for learning, life, and work.
* Striving to enhance the experience of our pupils through sharing good practice, CPD and extra-curricular activities.



**Our School Values:**

In Saint Vincent’s we aspire for Excellence through our Values of:

* Kindness
* Respect
* Resilience
* Commitment

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These values are promoted every day to encourage our children to be the best they can be, develop their independence and ability to take responsibility for their own learning. We dedicate months throughout the year to our different values and these are celebrated at assembly and children are recognised for putting it into practice.



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It is the aim of Saint Vincent’s Primary school to provide our pupils with the best educational experience which will enrich their lives, giving them the best possible present and future. We aim to ensure that all our pupils develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they will need to flourish in life, learning and work both now and in the future. Our aim is to provide and educational experience to develop the whole child and inspire pupils to become responsible citizens, confident individual, successful learners, and effective contributors.

To achieve this, we work together in partnership with the wider school community and with other agencies to deliver a curriculum which provides a breadth of opportunities and experiences.

**Through Learning & Teaching we aim to:**

* Enable all children to become literate and numerate
* Treat every child as an individual and support them to reach their potential
* Create safe, nurturing learning environments that take into account the individuality of children’s abilities, backgrounds and experiences.
* Provide a balanced curriculum which extends and challenges pupil thinking
* Provide opportunities for all children to experience success
* Create opportunities to promote problem solving, creativity, deep thinking, challenge and enterprise through our curriculum and with responsive planning, outdoor learning and inter-disciplinary experiences.

**Through Faith Development we aim to:**

* Create a school community where the teachings of Jesus Christ are lived and a rich Catholic education is experienced
* Celebrate our Catholic faith traditions and community through liturgy and prayer
* Teach and develop Christian values and attitudes and an awareness and respect for other world religions
* Create and maintain an inclusive ethos built on Gospel Values that nurtures each child’s spiritual development.
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**Through Partnership Working we aim to:**

* Provide opportunities for learning experiences which extend beyond the classroom
* Continually develop our home-school partnership and ensure that parents/carers are fully involved in their child’s school experience
* Continue to develop new and creative ways to engage parents in the life of the school through whole school events, open afternoons, ‘stay and play’ sessions, achievement assemblies, transition events, learning showcases.
* Maintain open lines of communication to ensure parents/carers and the wider community can keep abreast of the news and initiatives within the school through our Website, School and Class Twitter pages, School App and parent portal.



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In Saint Vincent’s Primary School, we are continually updating, improving and transforming our curriculum to ensure it is current, meaningful and offers a breadth of challenge, enjoyment, progression, personalisation and choice. We work as a whole staff team to ensure that everyone is clear about the expectations of our curriculum and what we are aiming to achieve. The design principles for the Curriculum for Excellence support teachers in their classroom practice as a basis for continuing review, evaluation, and improvement. Although all principles should apply at each stage, they will have different emphases as each pupil learns as progresses:

**Curriculum Design Principles are:**

* Challenge and Enjoyment
* Breadth
* Progression
* Depth
* Personalisation & Choice
* Coherence
* Relevance

We support our pupils to take responsibility for their own learning, encouraging them to make connections, deepen their thinking and challenge themselves. We have a continuous focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well-being with all staff developing, reinforcing and extending pupil learning in these areas. We work as a staff to moderate, track and monitor the progress of all pupils across all stages. Staff are flexible and creative and continuously seeking innovative ways to deliver a curriculum that motivates and inspires our learners.

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**We have developed our Curriculum to ensure that our learners:**

* Can contribute to the ethos and life of the school community in a meaningful and purposeful manner
* Experience personal success and achievement
* Are supported in developing their skills for learning, life and work
* Can progress through the experiences and outcomes in a way that is consistent with their learning needs.

In Saint Vincent’s we recognise the importance of learning extending beyond the classroom and ensuring children learn through different experiences, leadership roles, working with other agencies and leading their own learning. We have embraced a culture of partnership working and recognise the curriculum as an ‘Entire Learning Experience’. Both our pupils and parents have many opportunities to contribute to the ethos and life of the school, including:

* Play Based Learning (P1-3)
* Pupil Enquiry Based Learning – PEBL (P4-7)
* Interdisciplinary Learning
* Differentiation for challenge and support
* Pupil Council and Parent Council
* Eco and Health and Well-being Reps, Reading Ambassadors and Sports Leaders
* Christian Meditation
* Recognition Boards and Weekly Assemblies
* Enterprise and Lenten Fundraising
* Waste Warriors
* After School Clubs: Football, Cycling, Lego, Maths, Athletics, Choir, Basketball, Tennis, Dance, Coding, Homework, Arts & Crafts.
* Glasgow Music Festival
* P7 Residential
* Educational Excursions
* Webster Honey – School Bee Keeping
* Continuous development of ICT within the school – Ipads, Chromebooks, Google Classroom, Coding, STEM, Computing Science
* Nurture provision in-school
* Recognising and contributing to National Events like Maths Week, Science Week, HWB events, World Book Day, Catholic Education Week
* Outdoor Learning including working with Operation Play, WILD and Forest Schools
* YMI Music Initiative for Primary 5 pupils
* Working with local & international charities (SCIAF, Mothers Care India, Loaves & Fishes)
* Stay and Play for Parents
* Learning Showcases (Queen’s Jubilee, Grandparents Day, Achievement Assemblies)
* Coffee and Consultation Coffee Mornings
* School Shows (Choir, P7 Leaver’s Assemblies) and P1-3 Nativity
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