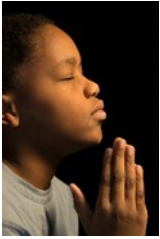


Spiritual

Christian distinctiveness and a commitment to nurturing childhood spirituality and well-being is at the heart of all we do. We value each individual as unique and a gift from God.



Children learn that they are unique and special from the moment they enter St. Joseph's – they are encouraged to love and care about each other and the world. Opportunities to live, learn and grow in faith are afforded our children through the arts, language, outdoor learning and experiences of visits. We believe our school's values and its spirituality are interlinked; and these are linked to the school's curriculum and the way in which teaching and learning are organised and delivered. All of this is underpinned by explicit reference to Christian teaching.

Moral

Our children have a clearly defined sense of right and wrong underpinned by Christian values and the teaching of Jesus. In addition, they are guided towards consideration of wider moral issues through their study themes and classroom discussion and debate.



Social



We believe that the quality of relationships within our school are outstanding. Our children genuinely care about and consider the feelings and needs of others. They take their social responsibilities seriously both locally, nationally and internationally through charitable support and child sponsorship.

Cultural

The provision we make to support the cultural development of our children is extensive. Their understanding of their own cultural heritage is extended through studies of art, language, literature and the wider curriculum. We ensure access to high quality educational visits through our trips to London and the local theatre.



Through our study of other faiths, multi-cultural focus days and our residential visits programme we ensure our children fully understand and appreciate Britain as a multi-cultural, multi-faith country.

We have very close links with our Parish Church, Holy Family. Children know the church well and visit there to study and to worship regularly. There are also planned visits to other places of worship.

The School Council are currently discussing creating a spiritual garden space within the school gardens.