

## The Distinctive Nature of Our Catholic School

Catholic education endeavours to make the person of Jesus Christ known and loved, and to place Him and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre of the educational enterprise. In placing 'Christ at the Centre', Catholic education seeks to invite all into a life of discipleship within the Body of the Church. This means that at St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School we are committed to promoting:

<b>The Search for Excellence</b> Christians are called to fulfil their potential and strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives. Catholic education at St. Dunstan's therefore strives to offer pupils every opportunity to develop their talents to the full through their academic work, spiritual worship and extracurricular activities.	<b>The Uniqueness of the Individual</b> Every child is seen as made in God's image and loved by Him. All are valued and respected as individuals so that they may be helped to fulfil their unique role in creation. A wide range of activities and opportunities will be on offer so that the children can discover who God calls them to be.	<b>The Education of the Whole Person</b> Catholic education is based on the belief that the human and the divine are inseparable. In Catholic schools, management, organisation, academic and pastoral work, prayer and worship, all aim to prepare young people for their life as Christians in the community.
<b>The Education of All</b> Our belief in the value of each individual leads us to have the duty to care for the poor and to educate those who are socially, academically, physically or emotionally disadvantaged. Service to those who are amongst the most disadvantaged in our society is central to the mission of our school.	<b>Moral Principles</b> Catholic education aims to offer young people the experience of life in a community founded on the Christian virtues. Both through Religious Education and in the general life of the school, children are prepared to serve as witnesses to moral and spiritual values in the wider world.	<b>Chaplaincy</b> Our Chaplaincy Team works with pupils and staff to strengthen the experience of being a faith community within the school. Our Chaplains provide a listening ear, enable the celebration of key occasions, be a source of support and encouragement at times of difficulties, bereavement or illness.