



Intent

The Catholic Church exists for the salvation of souls. This happens when our hearts rest in God and we are intimate with Christ. A virtue driven life is thus what fulfills our whole being. Education is directed towards the full development of every human person whom we understand as made by God in his image and likeness.

That is why, at St Thomas' our curriculum is based on the virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice, faith, hope and charity and on the principles of a growth mindset. This we believe develops our pupils as whole persons setting them up for life. Across the curriculum we actively look for opportunities to allow all children to flourish, encouraging children to develop and enhance their gifts and talents. In this way every child is afforded the opportunity to shine.

Excellence in all spheres of life, the uniqueness of the person created in the image of God, the virtue driven life and the common good is what drives us.

Implementation

Approaches to learning	Learning that develops a growth mindset – encouraging pupils to make good choices and take risks.	Learning matched to children's needs and abilities.	Learning personalised to offer challenge and support.	Learning developing a respect for the needs of others.	Learning that promotes a positive attitude.	Assessment that informs teaching and learning.
A curriculum	That focuses on our Catholic faith and the personal and social development of ALL our pupils.	That focuses on high challenge with high support in ALL year groups.	That is attractive and exciting to ALL.	That provides a wide range of opportunities.	That develops progression for each subject.	That focuses on every child being able to read by the end of KS1 and the vocabulary gap closed.
Fullfill our aim	Of pupils with a 'can do' attitude.	Of strong progress.	Of consistently good attitude to learning and behaviour.	Of further involvement with education.	Of healthy lifestyles and well-being.	Of high levels of participation in extra-curricular and community events.

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