

St. Paul's CE Primary School, Crompton Street

Every Child Matters Policy

St. Paul's mission statement relating to every child matters

'We are dedicated to promoting St. Paul's as a happy, positive and successful experience for children and their families. We want our school to be a place where our children and our community lay good foundations for a secure, happy, useful and meaning future. In our school every child does matter and we are committed to this aim. Within school we actively promote the 'every child matter agenda' and see it as a means of addressing the physical, social, creative, academic, emotional and spiritual development of the child. i.e. the whole child.'

The every child matters agenda focuses on five specific categories. These are

- Be healthy
- Be safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well being

We are a Church of England school and as such see the spiritual development of our children as important. We want to aid our children on their own spiritual journey, whatever form that may take and to develop the Christian values of love, forgiveness, joy, peace, justice, goodness, kindness, tolerance, faith, hope, awe and wonder and a sense of the transcendence and immanence of God. We also seek to develop a sense of belonging to the church community here at St. Paul's. We would add a sixth category which would be spiritual development.

Be healthy

This incorporates all initiatives that provide or education our school community in terms of making healthy 'life choices'. It encompasses choices that relate to diet, recreation, physical and emotional well being

Be safe

This incorporates guidance given to our children and school community relating to decisions that will enable the children to be safe and secure. This involves the policies and practices within school to ensure a safe environment, to appoint qualified and appropriate staff, to ensure that child protection issues are in place. It involves risk assessment, following guidelines on H+S issues and safety issues regarding educational trips and visits. Specific teaching for the children occurs in PSHE which looks at keeping safe, drug and sex education and bullying. In addition H+S issues are promoted in all curriculum areas.

Enjoy and achieve

Children at St. Paul's are given opportunities to enjoy the experiences of learning and a chance to celebrate their many achievements. A wide variety of learning opportunities are provided through curriculum experience, educational trips and visits, residential trips, after school and lunchtime clubs, focused learning weeks e.g. geography action week, job week and through the use of external professions sharing their skills with the school. In addition the school provides learning activities for adults as we believe that learning is a life long experience. These include ICT, basic French and Spanish, first aid (heart start) and courses to support their children's learning.

Making a positive contribution

The ethos within St. Paul's encourages our community to be courteous, polite and respectful to each other. Everyone is valued and has a role to play. Through making a positive contribution we expect all members of our community to be good citizens who can offer what they have available for the sake of our community. We encourage children to take an active role in the life of the school. The school council offers a forum for learner's voices to be heard as does circle time and school questionnaires. Citizenship and caring for others is part of our Christian ethos and we celebrate and encourage this.

Achieve economic well being

By preparing our pupils for the future we give them the skills, knowledge and personal attributes needed to enable our children to have successful lives. The key vehicle for this is our life skills and leisure skills programme. However our provision to enable our children to have basic skills in literacy and numeracy (basic skills quality mark), job week and our links with business support this.

Spiritual development

This gives our children the opportunity to think about and upon life experiences and explore their own spiritual journey. It gives the children a chance to explore the Christian faith as reflected by the philosophies outlined by the Church of England. It also gives children the opportunity to explore and understand other faiths. We seek to give the children experiences of Christian values in action so that they can understand what it means to be a Christian and to be part of the Church community at St. Paul's.

Key players in the ECM are:-

- Governors (setting the agenda)
- The headteacher and SMT (driving the agenda)
- Staff, outside agencies, members of the community (delivering/implementing the agenda)
- The school community including children, staff, parents, LEA and local community (identifying needs)

The 'every child matters' agenda is to ensure that we provide the best that we can for all our children.

