

Catholic Social Teaching at Holy Family

Catholic Social Teaching, calls us all as Catholics to work for the common good, help build a just society, uphold the dignity of human life and work for justice and the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, especially those in the greatest need.

Human Dignity

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, every person's life and dignity must be respected and supported from conception until the end of their natural life on earth.



Foundation	KS1	KS2
God made me and loves me very much	God loves us equally as His children	We are all equal in God's eyes and loved
God made me and all my friends very beautiful	We are all different and amazing	I have been given a special gift for the world
We show our love for each other	We love and look after each other because we are brothers and sisters	Each person is unique and irreplaceable- everyone matters
We thank God for loving us and our love for each other	Loving each other makes us strong	People matter more than possessions

The Common Good - Family and Community

The human person is not only sacred, but social. How society is organized, be it socially, economically, legally or politically has a direct impact on the dignity and growth of every human person and community. Family should be supported and strengthened. Every person has a right to work to support themselves and their families as well as the building up of the common good for all.



Foundation	KS1	KS2
My family at home	We are all part of a community	What makes community?
My school family	We look after and care for each other	Who is in my community?
We are all different and we love and care for each other	I belong to my family and my community	Building up the community
We love and look after each other because we are all brothers and sisters in God's family	My community needs me	Building up the kingdom of God

The Common Good

We are all People of God, one family. Therefore what happens to one has an impact on all, locally, nationally and globally. At the heart of solidarity is the pursuit of peace and justice. Our love for all calls us to work for a peaceful and just society where everyone has a fair share of the goods needed for a sustainable life, and opportunities for growth and development are offered equally. The dignity of every person is respected.



Foundation	KS1	KS2
We are friends	We are brothers and sisters- one family- one world	I listen to you with my ears, eyes, heart and mind
We play together in love and peace	We learn together	We walk together as people of peace
We help each other	We build together a community of peace	We face challenges together
We thank God for each other	We celebrate together	Building our mission team

Dignity of Work

Work is a way in which we can continue to participate in God's creation. Work gives dignity to life and must be carried out in such a way that the basic rights of workers are respected. Everyone has the right to productive work, to fair and liveable wages, and to organize and join a union. The economy must be conducted so that it serves the needs of the people.



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We are helping to do God's work	Everybody's work is valuable and important for the community	Exploring our understanding of work. How does our work build us up?
We use our gifts for each other	Working together to build up our school family	The many sides of working together to build up community
Everybody's gifts are needed to build God's world	Finding my special job- my gift to the world	Recognising and helping others to find their gift and share it
When we build together we can do much more	Working hard to be the best you can be for others	Enabling each other to aim high

Subsidiarity

Every person has a fundamental right to life. It is this right that makes all other rights possible. Everyone has the right to food, health care, housing, education and employment. We all need to strive to secure and respect these rights for others both locally and globally.



Foundation	KS1	KS2
God wants everyone to be happy	Happiness is? Exploring what makes us happy	Barriers to happiness
God gives us all we need to be happy	Finding happiness with each other	Exploring our responsibilities for each other
Making the right choices	Helping each other to make the right choices	Recognising the difference between rights and responsibilities
We share all God's gifts	Fair shares for all	Happiness comes in sharing and giving

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Society is judged on how it cares for the poor and vulnerable – our brothers and sisters. We read in scripture how God has a special concern for the oppressed, poor, vulnerable and those forced to the margins of society. The Church calls us to respond to the cry of the poor and put their needs first. This preferential treatment for the poor and vulnerable must be seen in action in our daily lives.



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God's gifts are for everyone (food, clothing, education, medical etc.)	Some of God's family have plenty of food, toys and clothes. Some don't	Why are some parts of our area richer or poorer than others?
Learning to share our toys and food with our friends so that everybody has enough	Exploring the feelings of those who have plenty and those who have little	What are the needs of those in a poor area compared with those in a rich area?
Helping everybody to be happy by playing, sharing and learning together	Working together to make our family happy. Exploring fairness and justice	Helping each other to see brothers and sisters, not strangers, in need. Raising awareness locally and nationally
Using our gifts to help others	Who needs our help? How can we help?	Being Christ's voice in our area for those who need us the most

Stewardship

The world God has created for us has been entrusted to everyone and we are responsible and accountable to God as stewards of the earth. The world has been given to us as a gift, to enjoy and care for so that future generations can enjoy it too. It is in caring for creation that we show our love and respect for its creator.



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Discovering God's beautiful creation	Learning from God's creation (interdependence)	All things are connected
Playing in and caring for creation	Making good choices- being responsible	Enough for everybody's need, but not everybody's greed
Helping God's creation grow	God's gardeners	Stewards of God's world (understanding the concept)
Celebrating God's creation	Celebrating the harvest	Seeing God in creation