



## THE AIMS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The aims of Religious Education in Holy Family Cronton Catholic Primary School are taken from '*Religious Education Curriculum Directory for Catholic Schools*' (The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, Pub. CES 1996). We aim to promote

- ◆ The dignity and freedom of every person as creatures in the image and likeness of God.
- ◆ Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith and life.
- ◆ Knowledge and understanding of the response of faith to the ultimate questions about human life, its origin and purpose.
- ◆ The skills required to engage in examination of and reflection upon religious belief and practice.

In addition to this, we aim to inspire and encourage the beliefs and values which are lived out in the daily life of the Catholic school.

The intended outcome of the Catholic, Religious Education in our school is religiously literate children who have the knowledge, understanding and skills appropriate to their age and capacity, to think spiritually, ethically and theologically.

### The Objectives of Curriculum RE

The objective of Religious Education is to include analysis and reflection, critical appreciation of sources and examples, and a real sense of progression through the different stages of education.

The objectives of Religious Education in our school are:

- ◆ To develop knowledge and understanding of the mystery of God and of Jesus Christ of the church and of the central beliefs which Catholics hold;
- ◆ To develop awareness and appreciation of Catholic belief, understanding of its impact on personal and social behaviour and of the vital relationship between faith and life, life and faith;
- ◆ To encourage study, investigation and reflection by the pupils;
- ◆ To develop appropriate skills for example, ability to listen, to think critically, spiritually, ethically and theologically, to acquire knowledge and organise it effectively; to make informed judgements;
- ◆ To foster appropriate attitudes; for example respect for truth, respect for the view of others, awareness of the spiritual, of moral responsibility, of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life and especially the challenge of living in a multicultural, multi-faith society.

Holy Family Cronton will also endeavour to implement the following additional objectives;

- ◆ We in Holy Family Cronton Catholic Primary School aim to achieve these objectives through detailed planning, regular assessment and monitoring and the teaching of RE for 10% of the timetable;
- ◆ Opportunities for celebration, prayer and reflection will be provided.

*Respect, Responsibility, Resilience*