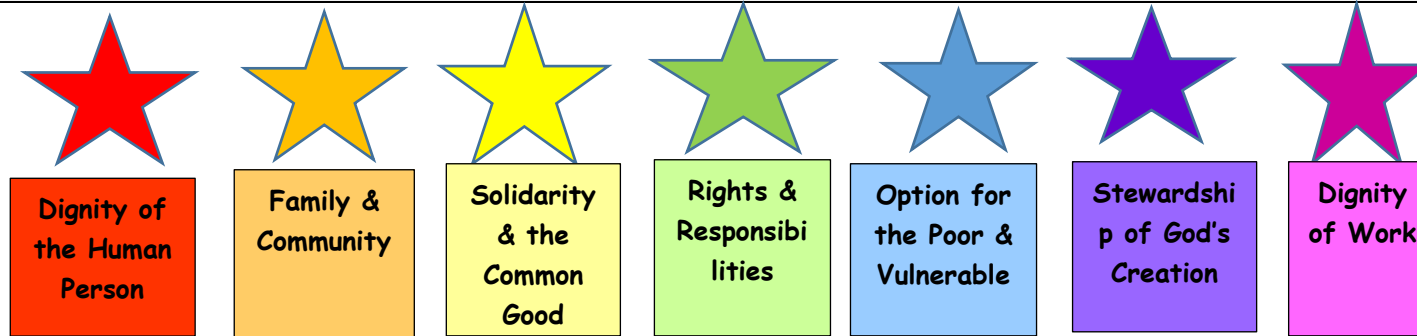




Catholic Social Teaching within the Curriculum of St. Marys & Our Lady of Grace Academy

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At St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace we value, and are dedicated to, the teaching and learning of all aspects of Catholic Social Teaching; we see this as a fundamental part of life. We believe that by providing a curriculum that holds Catholic Social Teaching at the heart, rooted in scripture, formed by the wisdom of church leaders, of all that we deliver, the children will learn to grow to recognise that we have all got the God-given responsibilities to be caretakers of our world; looking after each other and all that grows and lives within it. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith within the world.

As a school and, in accordance with the direction of the Diocese, we aim to ensure that all pupils:

- explicitly understand the areas of Catholic Social Teaching
- be given the opportunities to 'live out' the areas within school and their wider life
- be guided by Saints, who provide good example of the areas of Catholic Social Teaching
- be given maximum opportunities to be able to learn from stories and situations within the curriculum
- reflect upon their own actions and those of others, within the principles of Catholic Social Teaching



Above all, we encourage the children to constantly think about the strap line, 'When we **see** something happening, good or bad, *Catholic Social Teaching helps us to think about it, and **choose** how to **act**'.*

Class teachers are primarily responsible for the teaching of CST throughout the curriculum, which may, at times, be supplemented by professional speakers/visitors.

Opportunities to work through Catholic Social Teaching, will enable the children to grow and develop their character, 'the whole person', nurturing them to become true disciples of Jesus. These opportunities will have a positive impact for life, such as...

Collaborative working & Communication skills: Children will be encouraged to work together, in groups, as a class, as a school and as a community. Openly sharing ideas and negotiating a range of missions for the good of the school, local community and at national and global level.

Cohesive understanding: Children will be taught, through example and scripture, that we are all one family of God and as such, we have the responsibility to care and respect one another.

Citizenship: We will strive to achieve a cohort of children who are equipped with the messages of Jesus, within their heart, to live alongside each other without prejudice, greed or anger.