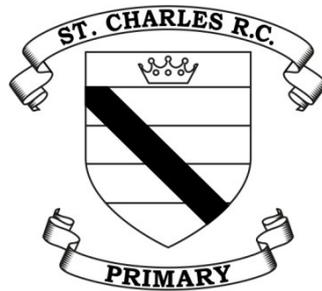


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*Our mission at St. Charles RC Primary School is to try and centre our life in Jesus Christ, the spiritual foundation of our community.*

*We aim to pass on the faith we share in partnership with you.*

*We want the children in our care to grow and develop to their full potential within a caring Catholic community which recognises fully their true worth and God given talents. We look forward to working with you in a spirit of mutual trust and support.*

*We take pride belonging to St. Charles RC Primary School.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

**As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love**

### Introduction

The Expressive Arts play an important role in the education of all pupils at St Charles RC Primary School. They encourage the exploration of values, foster imagination, self expression and creativity, develop practical and perceptual skills and promote intellectual and aesthetic development.

At St Charles RC Primary School we aim to provide:

- Children with opportunities to engage in the arts as makers, performers, exhibitors and spectators and to encourage them to reach their full potential.

- Children with opportunities to progress in being able to create, present, perform, respond to and make critical judgements about the arts. The skills that children will develop through these creative areas will be transferable life skills, to be responsive and creative to the visual world.

To provide the school community with arts experiences that recognise, value and promote cultural identities – differences and commonalities, to enrich the lives of all pupils and stimulate a lifelong interest in and enjoyment of the arts.

- To develop skills, knowledge and understanding in art and design, music, dance and drama. To develop an understanding of the role of the arts in society.

### **To achieve our aims through our objectives we will:**

- Provide each of the arts as part of the core curriculum at EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2 with a minimum curriculum time for each subject.
- Develop high quality facilities and resources for teaching and learning in each of the art forms.
- To enrich, extend and support other areas of the curriculum through the arts.
- To ensure that it is firmly embedded in school ethos.
- Provide opportunities for our children to influence what is included in our provision in the arts (eg through our School Council) especially in our out of school activities.
- Provide children with regular opportunities to experience the work of professional artists through visits to arts organisations, workshops with artists and other partnerships.
- Use systematically, regularly planned opportunities provided by the arts for pupils to know and celebrate the range of world cultures that are reflected in the arts through using local, national and international sources.
- Provide children with access to weekly enjoyable arts activities during out of school hours.
- Provide opportunities for the wider community of school – staff, governors, parents, local community to both inform and have access to our arts programme through performance workshops, exhibitions, concerts and through our school website.
- Monitor the quality of provision in the arts regularly and provide a systematic programme of staff development to ensure children experience high quality teaching in the arts at all stages of school.
- Ensure all teachers and support staff are provided with regular opportunities for professional development in the arts on at least an annual basis.
- Review our policy statement through a three year cycle.

This policy is linked to the policy statements and action plans for each individual arts subject.