



Catholic Social Teaching Across the Curriculum

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy

Mission Statement

"Live and learn in hope and joy, keeping the Spirit of God alive in our community."

Catholic Social Teaching at Sacred Heart

At Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) shapes everything we do. Rooted in the Gospel and guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we seek to develop children who know they are loved by God, value the dignity of others and use their gifts in service of the common good. Our curriculum, prayer life, worship, enrichment opportunities and relationships help children become people of faith, hope and action.

As a highly inclusive school community, we are committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of background, ability or circumstance, is able to flourish academically, spiritually and personally. This reflects both the Gospel message and the Diocese of Nottingham's vision for Catholic education.

Our Catholic Social Teaching Principles

Catholic Social Teaching	Gospel Values	Catholic Virtues
Human Dignity	Respect	Compassion
The Common Good	Service	Generosity
Solidarity	Love	Justice
Option for the Poor	Mercy	Kindness
Stewardship of Creation (<i>Laudato Si'</i>)	Responsibility	Stewardship
Participation	Inclusion	Courage
Peace and Reconciliation	Peace	Forgiveness
Dignity of Work and Vocation	Service	Perseverance

Inclusion and the Shamrock Provision

At Sacred Heart, inclusion is a living expression of Catholic Social Teaching. We believe every child is created in the image and likeness of God and has the right to belong, participate and succeed.

Our strong SEND provision, personalised support, communication-rich classrooms and family-centred approach ensure that all children can flourish. We work closely with families and outside agencies to remove barriers and help every pupil achieve their God-given potential.

The Shamrock Provision

The Shamrock Classroom demonstrates our commitment to Human Dignity, Participation and the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

Through personalised learning and specialist approaches including PECS, Makaton, Attention Autism and the Curiosity Approach, children are supported to communicate, regulate emotions, develop independence and participate fully in school life.

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Religious Education

Children learn about the life and teachings of Jesus, human dignity, justice, service and vocation. Through prayer, worship, CAFOD, parish links and charitable action, pupils learn that faith should be lived through service to others.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Common Good, Solidarity

English

Through reading, discussion and writing, children learn empathy, respect and understanding of different perspectives. Strong emphasis on oracy and communication ensures every child has a voice.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Participation

Mathematics

Mathematics develops resilience, confidence and problem-solving skills while helping children understand responsibility, fairness and participation within society.

CST Links: Participation, Dignity of Work

Science

Science encourages awe and wonder in God's creation while promoting responsibility for the environment and human wellbeing.

Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, children learn about sustainability, stewardship and caring for our common home.

CST Links: Stewardship of Creation

Geography

Children explore global citizenship, cultures, poverty, inequality and climate change, learning how they can contribute to a fairer and more sustainable world.

CST Links: Common Good, Solidarity, Stewardship

History

History teaches children about justice, equality and individuals who have worked to improve society. Pupils learn how courage and determination can bring positive change.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Justice, Peace

Computing

Computing helps children become responsible digital citizens who use technology safely, respectfully and for the common good.

CST Links: Participation, Common Good

Art and Design

Art celebrates creativity, individuality and the beauty of God's creation. Children explore diverse artists and cultures while developing self-expression and appreciation of others.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Participation

Design and Technology

Children design and create solutions to meet needs and improve lives whilst considering sustainability and responsible use of resources.

CST Links: Dignity of Work, Stewardship

Music

Music promotes joy, community and participation. Through singing, performances and shared experiences, children develop confidence and celebrate the gifts of others.

CST Links: Participation, Common Good

Physical Education

PE teaches teamwork, perseverance, respect and inclusion. Every child is encouraged to participate and achieve success regardless of ability.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Participation

PSHE and RSE

Children learn about relationships, wellbeing, diversity, responsibility and respect. They develop the skills needed to become compassionate and responsible citizens.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Peace, Participation

Modern Foreign Languages

Language learning encourages understanding, respect and appreciation of different cultures, helping children recognise that we are all part of one human family.

CST Links: Solidarity, Human Dignity

Early Years Foundation Stage

Through play, exploration and nurturing relationships, children learn kindness, sharing, friendship and care for creation. Strong language development supports participation and belonging from the earliest years.

CST Links: Human Dignity, Participation, Stewardship

Living Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is lived at Sacred Heart through:

- CAFOD fundraising and charitable projects.
- Foodbank and community support.
- Eco Team and Laudato Si' initiatives.
- School Council and pupil leadership.
- Support for vulnerable families.
- Inclusive enrichment opportunities.
- Parish and community partnerships.

Through these experiences, children learn that they are called to make a difference in the world.

Called to Serve

At Sacred Heart, we want every child to leave our school knowing that they are loved by God, created with purpose and called to serve others.

Guided by the Gospel, inspired by Catholic virtues and challenged by the message of *Laudato Si'*, we help our pupils become people of faith, hope, justice and compassion.

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