



SS. Osmund & Andrew's RCP School

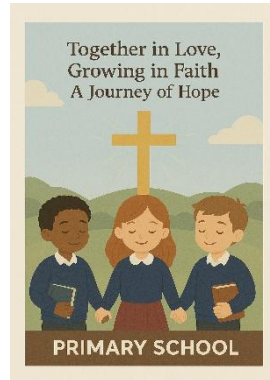
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

***Together in Love, Growing in Faith, A Journey of Hope.
Together in Love, Faith and Hope.***

Reviewed Summer 2026

This policy will be reviewed in line with the policy review cycle.

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— John's Gospel 13:34



Mission Statement

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Introduction

St Osmund and St Andrew's R.C. Primary School is a welcoming Catholic community rooted in faith, love and hope. As a school within the Parish of Blessed Dominic Barberi, we are proud to work in close partnership with our parish community, our families and our wider community to nurture each child academically, spiritually and socially. Inspired by the Gospel and guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we are committed to ensuring that Christ is at the centre of all we do.

Our patron saints inspire and guide us as a school. St Osmund inspires us to pray. (FAITH) St Andrew inspires us to serve. (LOVE) Blessed Dominic inspires us to work hard. (HOPE) Through their example, we seek to nurture resilience, faithfulness and a spirit of discipleship in our children, ensuring they receive the very best holistic education.

Our mission statement, "Together in love, growing in faith – a journey of hope", underpins every aspect of school life. Our school is a place where faith is lived and celebrated each day — through prayer, worship, service and the way we care for one another. We recognise that every child is a unique gift from God, and we are dedicated to providing a nurturing, supportive environment where all are encouraged to develop their God-given talents and to flourish spiritually, academically and personally.

Through the strong partnership between school, parish and parents, we work together to support our children on their journey of faith. In unity with the Parish of Blessed Dominic Barberi, we are committed to helping every child grow in love and faith, embracing hope as they become confident learners and compassionate members of the wider community.

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Our Aims

- To have Christ at the centre of everything we do.
- To present a comprehensive content which engages pupils and is the basis of knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith following the Religious Education (curriculum) Directory;
- To enable pupils continually to deepen their religious and theological understanding and be able to communicate this effectively;
- To explore world faith so pupils may respect diverse spiritual journey that allows children to bridge the gap between catholic faith based principles and real world actions
- To develop the critical faculties of pupils so that they can relate their Catholic faith to daily life;
- To stimulate pupils' imagination and provoke a desire for personal meaning
- To enable pupils to relate the knowledge gained through Religious Education to their understanding of other subjects in the curriculum;
- To bring clarity to the relationship between faith and life, and between faith and culture.¹

Curriculum time allocation:

Religious Education at SS Osmund and Andrew's is regarded as the core of the core. It is therefore allocated a total teaching time of 10% of available curriculum time for each year group. The 10%-time allocation does not include collective acts of worship, assembly time, hymn practice etc. – it is specific R.E. teaching.

Programme of Study:

To fulfil the above aims our school uses the Religious Education Directory as the starting point for teaching and learning in addition to this we use Lighting the Path from Salford Diocese. CARITAS lessons are taught each term. We follow the Liturgical Year and celebrate the lives of our year group Saints and other faiths.

A range of materials and supplementary resources are used to ensure a breadth of knowledge and understanding. RHE is delivered through the Ten Ten 'Life to the Full Plus' programme. Our staff use the programmes to provide the children with a range of creative, thought provoking activities. Through the parish priest, Father Emmanuel, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Maria Lee, and our school, the children and their families will be encouraged to appreciate, understand and participate in the liturgical cycle and the sacramental life of the church.

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Process:

Religious Education is taught through the RED: To Know You More Clearly, using the process of Understand, Discern, Respond.

The study of Catholicism is made through 4 'Knowledge Lenses': Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live.

The study of other religions and worldviews is made through 2 'Knowledge Lenses': Dialogue and Encounter.

Methodology:

A variety of teaching and learning strategies will be used from across the curriculum adapted appropriately to the needs and learning styles of pupils.

Collective Worship

Each class will celebrate weekly Collective Worship on a Wednesday morning. Children are encouraged to be involved and share in the planning and delivery of prayer and worship from the Foundation stage. To Love You More Dearly is used as guidance to deepen our understanding and support our children's journey of faith.

Prayer is an integral part of the day in SS Osmund and Andrew's (see Appendix 2) and children say prayers at the beginning of the day; before lunch; after lunch and at home time. More details are contained in our school's Collective Worship Policy.

Inclusion and Equality:

The governing body have wider responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2010 and will ensure that our school strives to do the best for all of the pupils, irrespective of disability, educational needs, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, sex, gender identity, religion or sexual orientation or whether they are looked after children. All pupils in our school, irrespective of ability, faith and background will have appropriate differentiated access to the Religious Education programme.

Assessment, Monitoring, Recording and Reporting:

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- Assessment of standards is carried out three times per year through discussion, written work, art work, role-play, music and drama
- Formative assessments are carried out at the beginning and end of each branch
- Teachers maintain the school record of assessment and progress.
- An in-house moderation of pupils' books and BOSCEP moderation with colleagues is carried out at least once a year
- Monitoring of teaching and learning throughout the school.
- Progress and achievement are recorded and tracked.
- Slippage of children is identified and action taken.
- Progress and achievement in Religious Education is reported to Governors.
- Progress and achievement in Religious Education is reported to parents/carers in a written report at the end of each academic year.
- Collaborative moderation with other Catholic schools ensures standards remain high.
- Link Governor visits school and observe lessons and meet with the RE leads
- Arrangements for monitoring mirror those used for other curriculum areas. The RE subject leaders monitor teaching and learning in all year groups at least three times per year with further drop-ins for Collective Worship. Book scrutinies are carried out on a termly basis. The RE governor will visit school and liaise regular with RE Leaders.

Management of the subject:

Mr Graves – Head Teacher. Mrs Doyle - Deputy Head Teacher and Mrs Jones – class teacher are the RE Leads, who have the responsibility for leading, managing and supporting the delivery of and training in Religious Education.

The RE Team comprises:

- RE Curriculum Leads: Mr Graves, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Jones
- Community and Parish Links: Mrs Jones
- Catholic Life and Mission Lead: Mrs Doyle
- Collective Worship Lead: Mr Graves
- Link Governor: Maria Lee
- Parish Priest: Fr Emmanuel

Policy Review:

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This policy will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed by Sharon Doyle and the Head Teacher and updated every two years.

Written: Mrs S Doyle

10th June 2026

Review to take place on or before:

In line with the school's Policy Review Cycle.

Appendix 1

The Role of the RE Lead

- To be responsible to the Headteacher and colleagues for the monitoring of teaching, assessment and planning of Religious Education based on the development of the children at each stage. Monitoring occurs in order to support staff and should include classroom observation, learning walks, book scrutiny, planning and discussion with pupils
- To manage resources and facilities for Religious Education
- To liaise with the Diocesan Department for Education particularly through attendance at RE Leaders meetings, and inform the Headteacher and colleagues of current standards and developments within Religious Education
- To attend appropriate training for Religious Education, keep up-to-date with current developments and feed these developments back to staff
- To advise individual colleagues and induct new members of staff as required on the Religious Education process and teaching methods
- To implement the change to the interim Age-Related Standards in Religious Education (3-19) and support staff during the transition period
- To collect and keep pupil books showing pupils working at expected from *at least* Years 2, 4 and 6 at the end of each academic year
- To facilitate in-house moderation of pupils' books
- To attend Diocesan moderation meetings with the required pupil books
- In consultation with the Headteacher to communicate with parents, governors and the parish community regarding issues relating to Religious Education
- Working with the Headteacher and colleagues, to undertake a regular audit / review of Religious Education in line with the school development plan
- To be familiar with the current inspection framework and to consult with the SLT to complete the DSEF document
- To keep up to date with changes to the Religious Education Curriculum.

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Appendix 2

SS Osmund & Andrew's RCP School Prayer Booklet



Together in Love, Growing in Faith, A journey of Hope.

Together in Love, Faith and Hope.



"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

"Love one another as I have loved you."
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The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

Hail Mary



Hail, Mary, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

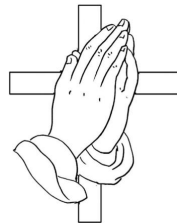
Amen.

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Morning Prayer

**Oh my God,
you love me,
you're with me night and day,
I want to love you always,
In all I do and say,
I'll try to please you Father
Bless me through the day.**

Amen.



Evening Prayer

**God our Father, I've come to say,
Thank you for your love today,
Thank you for my family,**

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

And all the friends you give to me,

Guard me in the dark of night

And in the morning,

send your light.

Amen.



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— John's Gospel 13:34

Grace Before Meals:

**God is great
and God is good,
And we thank Him
for our food.
By God's hand
we must be fed,
Give us Lord, our daily bread.
Amen.**



Grace After Meals

**This is our school,
Let it be full of love,**

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

Love of one another,

Love of life itself,

But, most of all,

The love of Jesus Christ,

Our Lord,

Amen.



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Eternal Rest

Eternal rest

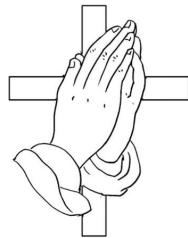
grant unto them,

O Lord, and let perpetual light

shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.



Act of Contrition

O my God,

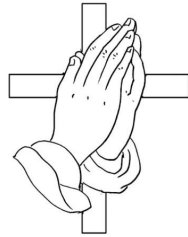
because you are so good,

I am very sorry

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

**that I have sinned against you,
and with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.**

Amen



"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

The Apostles' Creed



I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day
He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits at
the right hand of God the Father
almighty, from thence He shall come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

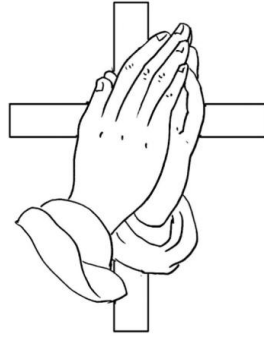
Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

**ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.**

Amen.



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— John's Gospel 13:34

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in
them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God,

Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the
Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever
to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



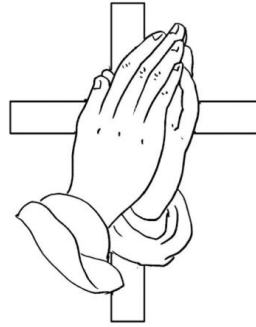
Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits

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which you have given me...

Amen.



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The Rosary

Mysteries include:

Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

The Rosary includes the following prayers:

- Apostles' Creed
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be
- Hail Holy Queen

Glory Be



Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end.

Amen.

Hail Holy Queen



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

"Love one another as I have loved you."
— John's Gospel 13:34

**To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this exile show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

Amen

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The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this
day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has
done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it
was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

Amen.

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Act of Love

My God,

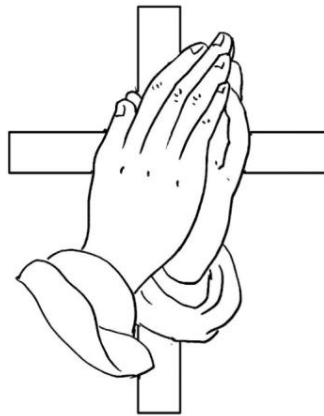
because you are so good,

I love you with all my heart,

and for your sake,

I love my neighbour as myself.

Amen

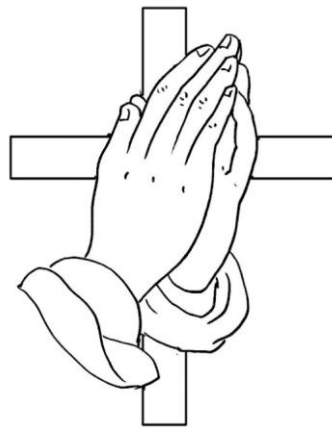


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Act of Faith

**My God, I believe in you
and all that your Church teaches,
because you have said it,
and your word is true.**

Amen

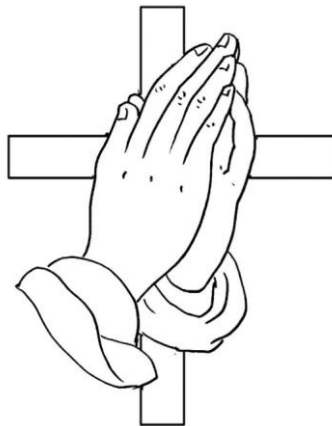


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Act of Hope

**My God, I hope in you,
for grace and for glory,
because of your promises,
your mercy and your power.**

Amen



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Prayers to be said throughout the school, from Foundation Stage to Upper Key Stage 2

Foundation Stage	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Sign of the Cross Hail Mary The Lord's Prayer Morning Prayers Evening Prayers Grace before / after meals	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary The Lord's Prayer Morning Prayers Evening Prayers Grace before / after meals Eternal Rest Mass responses	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary The Lord's Prayer Morning Prayers Evening Prayers Grace before / after meals Eternal Rest Mass responses Act of Contrition The Apostle's Creed Angel of God Come Holy Spirit The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary Our Father Morning Prayers Evening Prayers Grace before / after meals Eternal Rest Mass responses Act of Contrition The Apostle's Creed Angel of God Come Holy Spirit Come The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester The Rosary The Magnificat Act of Love Act of Faith Act of Hope



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