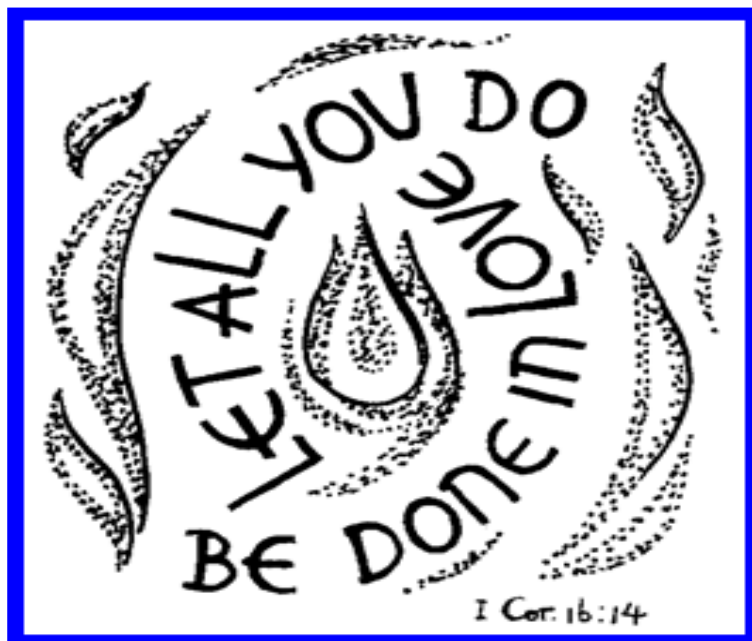


St Edward's Catholic Primary School



Home, School, Parish Policy

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“Let all you do be done in love” Co1 14:16

Introduction

In the light of our school Mission Statement we see that the parish, home and school form our local Catholic community. We liaise between home, school and parish because we are aware that the kingdom of God is built by nurturing, helping, caring and supporting each other. The value of strong links between home, school and parish is the real evidence of Christian community and the vitality of the local Church.

The Local Reality

Our school serves the parish of St Edward's, Kettering. All non-Catholic pupils in the school are included and welcomed in all forms of worship.

The staff discusses regularly the relationship between parents, school and parish.

STRATEGIES FOR HOME/SCHOOL/PARISH LIAISON

Home/School Links

This is achieved in the following ways: -

- By inviting parents and families to a variety of liturgical celebrations and acts of worship e.g. assemblies, Masses, harvest festival, Advent services, Remembrance service and Christmas and Easter celebrations.
- By encouraging parents and friends to help in various school events e.g. Christmas Bizarre
- By inviting parents and other family members to help in the classroom and other educational activities e.g. listening to children read.
- By encouraging parents to actively participate in the sacramental preparation
- By involvement in fund-raising e.g. PTA events and other organised events.
- By the school reporting to parents through newsletters, termly parents evenings, annual reports. Through the Home/School agreement.
- By encouraging parents to help their children with their homework.

Parish/School Links

The parish of St Edward's plays a key role in the life of the school. We aim to develop our relationship with the parish:

- By involving the clergy (priests and deacon) in leading many of the liturgical celebrations.
- By inviting the clergy (priests and deacon) to attend class assemblies.
- By encouraging children to become active members of the parish e.g. altar servers, being involved in the choirs.
- By providing spiritual growth through visits to the church.
- By encouraging parishioners from the parish to become foundation governors
- By displaying the weekly parish newsletters in the main reception area of the school.

Home/School/Parish Links

- By involving the school as a means of communication between Home/Parish/School e.g. through the First Holy Communion programme.
- Through the school newsletter and website.
- Through the parish newsletters and websites.
- Through school celebrations e.g. inviting parishioners and parents to Christmas plays.
- Adverts about St Edward's School being displayed in the church
- Through promoting school events and activities. g. Through the use of school buildings by the parish e.g. First Communion and parish celebrations.
- Whilst Christianity is the centre of our community we encourage an appreciation of other faiths, forging links with the wider community.