



# A Vision for Early Years at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Our vision is to foster a nurturing environment where every child is valued as a unique individual, encouraged to take **pride** in their achievements, and supported in becoming **joyful, resilient, and inquisitive** learners. Through respectful relationships, play-based learning, and a love of nature, we empower all children to develop as confident **communicators**, eager to explore the world around them, and grow into **compassionate citizens**.

Our work is underpinned by the principles of the Early Years Framework, which emphasises the importance of secure, respectful, and reciprocal relationships; partnerships with families; high expectations and equity; respect for diversity; and ongoing learning and reflective practice. These principles guide our commitment to fostering the best outcomes for every child, including those with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND), while nurturing their curiosity and resilience.

Practitioner quality and performance are central to our strategic direction. We prioritise continuous training, mentoring, and reflective practice to ensure our educators are equipped to provide the highest quality of care and education, supporting children in building communication skills and pride in their growth.

Transparent communication and parent partnership are core values of our organisation. Our strategic direction is shared with our whole community through newsletters and regular updates, and it is refined through open dialogue and parental feedback. We believe that strong partnerships with parents and families are essential to the success of our vision, allowing children to thrive with a sense of belonging and collaboration.

Together, we lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning and well-being, ensuring every child grows into a joyful, resilient, and compassionate individual, ready to navigate their world with curiosity, pride, and purpose.