



## Mission Statement

St Mary's is a welcoming, caring, Catholic community which promotes the Christian values of love, tolerance and forgiveness.

Through these teachings, we encourage all to grow in awareness of their role both within school and the wider community.

We are committed to enable all to achieve their full potential as unique individuals by providing the best possible education for every child and by fostering a sense of belonging and support.

In conformity with the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 it is the policy of the Academy Council of St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy:

- 1 to levy, except where pupils are entitled to statutory remission, a charge for all board and lodging costs on residential visits
- 2 to levy a charge for activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not part of the National Curriculum, or Religious Education
- 3 to levy no charge in respect of books, materials, equipment, instruments or incidental transport provided in connection with the National Curriculum or Religious Education
- 4 to request voluntary contributions from parents for school activities in, or out of school time for which compulsory charges cannot be levied but which can only be provided if there is sufficient voluntary funding. Whilst ensuring that no pupil is excluded by reason of inability or unwillingness to make a voluntary contribution, if there are insufficient voluntary contributions then the trip will be cancelled for all pupils.
- 5 to seek payment from parents for damage to or loss of school property caused willfully or negligently by their children
- 6 parents can make representation to the Chair of Governors or Headteacher in cases of individual need. All cases will be treated sympathetically and with discretion.

The Academy Council welcome and wish to encourage the continued financial and other support from parents through the PA, local industry and other sources, which this school currently enjoys.