

Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Evidence towards ICONS Award

October 2023

Evidence:

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Key information:

A mission statement or aims of the organisation:

Christ the King Catholic Primary School provides an excellent, Christ centred education through inspirational teaching and empowerment of all pupils to reach their full potential spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially and morally, in a happy, caring, stimulating environment promoting self-esteem and confidence.

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Learning, Growing and Praying
together with Christ our King



Key information:

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Reconciliation and your organisation



What does reconciliation mean in reality to your organisation?

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation pupils receive God's forgiveness for our sins, his pardon and healing and reconciliation with the Church.

In Year 3 children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In preparation for this Sacrament, the children reflect on the fact that they are children of God and that this impacts on the way they treat others.

Through studying Bible stories and parables, the children learn about Jesus' teachings on repentance and forgiveness and learn to think about the consequences of their actions and how this affects their relationship with God.

The children learn the structure and sequence of the Rite of Reconciliation and are fully prepared to make their Reconciliation.

Reconciliation and your organisation



Why are the themes of peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, and conflict resolution particularly relevant to your organisation?

At Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Prayer and Collective worship plays a vital role in our day-to-day lives.

We promote Prayer as being aware of the presence of God in our daily lives. We believe this is a way of developing, communicating and opening a relationship with God, a relationship of love and unity. At Christ the King, Prayer is not solely traditional prayers which are said, but words or actions that engages the whole person. Through prayer, we bring ourselves before God. We share our love, hope, difficulties, our own needs and the needs of others throughout the world.



Reconciliation and your organisation

What evidence is there to your commitment to reconciliation, peace and forgiveness?

- Mission Monday: Every Monday Morning, children and staff attend Mission assemblies where there is a focus on the Gospel. These are relevant to the Liturgical Year, or something specific that is happening in the world. These are planned and delivered by either staff or the Chaplaincy Team.
- School Mass: Children attend on alternative weeks. At each mass, children in Reception – Year 6 will participate through reading and singing.
- Sunday Mass: Children in upper key stage 2 read at Mass on a fortnightly rota. Children in Nursery – Year 2 are encouraged to attend children's liturgy and children in Year 3 – 6 are also encouraged to attend the school choir which occurs during the masses which the pupils read at.



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- Gifts from God Assembly: Celebration assemblies are held on a Friday to reinforce the Gospel message, praise those who have shown the school values and virtues and encourage children to live out the Gospel in their lives. We also celebrate children who have shown to be developing one of the school's five-character traits. Messages from the Chaplaincy Team, House Captains, the Eco Team and Sporting updates are also shared.
- Class Prayer Time: A moment of prayer. Using Gather, Listen, Respond and Go forth, groups of children will plan and deliver weekly prayer services to their peers focused on something specific. This may be relevant to the Liturgical year, arising issues, class motivations, charities or general reflections.



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- Rosary group: During October and May, the chaplaincy team lead a weekly Rosary group with KS2 children.
- Stations of the Cross: During Lent, children reflect on this important season where they participate in the Stations of the Cross at church on a Friday afternoon, with the Parish.
- Guided Meditation: Throughout the year, children are given opportunities through RE lessons and Holy Time, where Guided Meditation is directed.
- Benediction and Adoration: Throughout the year, there are opportunities for children to experience both Benediction and Adoration.
- Partnership with Parents/ Grandparents: Throughout the year we invite families into school to take part in family faith days, class prayer services and annual Remembrance and Carol services.

Reconciliation and your organisation

Do you have any existing local, national or international links that may further evidence your commitment to reconciliation?

Each year, along with the children, parents and staff decide on three charities to support. We focus on a local, national and international charity.

The children are also encouraged and supported by staff to organise and lead their own fundraising event for a charity of their choice. This reflects social situations at the time and causes which have a special meaning to the children and their families.



Your relationship with Coventry

What relationship does your organisation currently have with Coventry Cathedral?

Christ the King pupils, along with the HCCMAC have attended the Cathedral to celebrate the HCCMAC Feast day in 2022 and 2023. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit the old and new Cathedral, to take part in Mass in the Cathedral, learn more about the history of Coventry and complete the Coventry Peace Trail.

Year 6 pupils have also participated in the Coventry Blitz event for over 10 years. This is an annual event in which the pupils learn about local history from before and after the night of the Coventry Blitz on 14th November 1940.



Your relationship with Coventry

Are there ways that you hope this relationship will develop?

We are currently planning a focus week in school for all pupils from Nursery – Year 6 to participate in called ‘We are Coventrians’. This will be a week where each year group focuses on researching and celebrating a different aspect of the history and culture of Coventry such as The Coventry Peace Trail, Lady Godiva, The old and new Cathedral, the car industry, the watchmakers, 2Tone music and much more.

Collectively as a staff, we feel passionate about celebrating the history of Coventry and feeling a sense of pride from the city where we choose to be educators.



The future

What difference would it make to your organisation and its work if you were to become a partner?

We feel that becoming an ICON status school would support the children to promote their beliefs and the importance of showing respect to all as well as sharing a sense of pride for the city of Coventry and celebrating with all who work hard to promote a shared vision for the children of today and the future.

How do you see your relationship growing with Coventry Cathedral and within the CCN, ICONS and/or Together for Hope networks?

We hope to create links with other ICON schools who are both of a faith and nonfaith denomination, in order to share good practice and seek new opportunities for both staff and pupils.



The future

Are there any specific projects, initiatives or partnerships that you would like to develop between ourselves, or with the wider network?

We would love support to help develop the schools
'We are Coventrians' week.

This is a celebration of Coventry which we would then like to roll out across the Holy Cross Catholic MAC.

