



CATHOLIC LIFE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference 2024

Purpose: The purpose of the Catholic Life Committee is to support and enhance the Catholic and Salesian identity, ethos and mission of the school, ensuring that it remains at the heart of all aspects of school life.

Responsibilities:

- a) To monitor and evaluate the provision for the Catholic life and mission of the school, ensuring that it aligns with the teachings and values of the Catholic Church.
b) To review and contribute to the development of policies and procedures that reflect the priority given to the Catholic identity, charism, and mission of the school.
c) To actively promote and implement the Bishop's vision, Salesian vision, charism and ethos for the diocese and engage with diocesan policies and initiatives.
d) To foster a flourishing partnership between the school and its local parish(es) and ensure that the relationships with St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School and the local Church, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, and all other partnership schools are central to the Catholic life and mission of the school.
e) To foster other organisations.
f) To support and empower parents as the first educators of their children, establishing effective strategies for engaging with parents/carers and promoting a strong partnership between home and school.
g) To ensure that resources are targeted at those in greatest need, both materially and educationally, reflecting the Church's preferential option for the poor.
h) To lead by example in respecting the dignity of workers, promoting high levels of pastoral care for staff, and prioritising the physical and mental well-being of staff.
i) To oversee the integration of the Catholic understanding of reality into the taught curriculum, collaborating with subject leaders to make connections between different subject areas and reflecting the richness of Catholic contributions to culture.
j) To evaluate the effectiveness of the school's Catholic life and mission, seeking feedback from parents/carers, staff, pupils and all stakeholders and offering challenge and support where necessary.
k) Salesian training and induction for staff.

Membership: The Catholic Life Committee should consist of governors who have a strong commitment to the Catholic faith and a deep understanding of the school's mission and ethos. The committee may include representatives from the local parish(es), the school leadership team, and other relevant stakeholders.

Reporting: The committee should provide regular reports to the full governing board, highlighting key findings, recommendations, and actions taken to enhance the Catholic life and mission of the school. Reports on a regular basis on Salesian activities and charism.

Table with 2 columns: 'These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body' and '11th September 2024'

Table with 1 column: 'Name of Governor' listing Sr Pauline Clarke, Ms Anne Marie Cresham, Mr Darren Gidman, Mrs Frances Harrison, Mrs Jean Jenkins, Miss Christine Williams

Table with 2 columns: 'Chair of the Committee' (Mrs Frances Harrison), 'Vice Chair' (Mrs Jean Jenkins)

Table with 2 columns: 'Clerk to the Committee' (Mrs Waters)

Table with 2 columns: 'Quorum' (A third of members)