



MISSION STATEMENT

St Bede's is a Catholic school which endeavours to transmit the message of the Gospel and uphold the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a 'college' and not just a 'school'. We are a community of believers aiming to provide for the children in our care an excellence of education rooted in and sustained by our shared commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Both pupils and staff are valued for the unique contribution each brings to the rich diversity of the College community. We acknowledge each member to be equal in the eyes of God and worthy of respect. Parents are recognised as the primary educators of their children, and they are actively involved in decisions concerning their children's progress. In addition, the College welcomes the advice and watchful care of the Governing Body and the Diocesan authorities.

The vision of Cardinal Vaughan, our founder, was that the opportunity to pursue educational excellence should be available for the Catholic children of Manchester. More than one hundred years later we aim to develop highly educated and articulate young men and women, strong in their faith, and possessing a conviction to establish God's kingdom in this world.

St Bede is our patron and his dedication to the pursuit of learning and his search for knowledge of the Lord are some of the qualities that enrich our work. Our conviction is that all we do should be begun, continued and ended in dependence on God.

MISSION PACTICE

- We who live, work and learn at St Bede's aspire to perform our tasks responsibly and to create an atmosphere which will enable all members of the College to grow strong in the knowledge, service and love of the Lord.
- We desire to be outward-looking and welcoming, mutually-supportive in prayer and action.
- We value our pupils, recognising that each new generation adds to the richness of the College's historic tapestry. Our pupils travel from all parts of Greater Manchester and North Cheshire and constitute a wide social mix, each one adding to the wealth of experiences and perceptions of which the College is composed.
- The pastoral care of our children is a special charge and the College tries to assist and encourage pupils, at each stage of their stay with us, to develop their potential to the full. Tutors and Form Teachers monitor the progress of each individual and offer special support for those seeking to overcome difficulties. Pupils can expect to have their dignity and confidentiality respected in a structure which offers guidance and friendship.
- Each pupil receives both support and freedom in the encouragement of her or his God-given potential and to that end, the College regards opportunities for growth and development through extra-curricular activities as an integral part of our educational provision. Skills are sustained and nurtured in recognition that God's gifts are many and varied and that each one has some special talent to offer to the community of the College and to society as a whole.
- Just as the College seeks to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children, so too the College expects the co-operation and support of families in all matters that affect the education and well-being of their children.
- St Bede's esteems its staff, both those in teaching and those in support, and trusts them to do their best, personally and professionally, for those whom they seek to serve. Staff are encouraged and guided in their work and provided with the resources to develop the children in their charge and to enhance their own skills. Staff are supported by appropriate professional training and can expect to be involved in discussing school policy and advising the Headmaster.
- St Bede's respects its heritage and seeks to provide within our historic buildings a safe, healthy, attractive and culturally uplifting working environment, a place which is inviting and conducive to effective learning and teaching.
- Desiring to live out the Gospel, and conscious of our riches in a world where wealth is not equally shared, St Bede's makes a commitment to serve all who are in need. By prayer and action, we strive to help our fellow human beings both in our local communities and overseas.
- St Bede's is part of the local, national and universal Church, dedicated to ensuring that our pupils learn in an avowedly Christian atmosphere. At the heart of our work is the daily celebration of the Mass and the continued evocation of the Christian way of life. Not all staff are directly involved in sharing with pupils the teachings of the Church, but all recognise the corporate responsibility to ensure, by precept and example, that relationships within the College reflect Our Lord's commandment: Love one another.

*I pray you good Jesus that as you have given me the grace to
 drink in with joy the word that gives knowledge of You, so in
 Your goodness You will grant me to come at length to yourself,
 the source of all wisdom, to stand before Your face forever.*

The prayer of St Bede, the Venerable.