

# **ST. COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **LIFE SKILLS AND ENTERPRISE EDUCATION POLICY**

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### Rationale / Introduction

At St. Columba's we strive for all of our children to have the skills necessary to thrive in a constantly changing world. The life skills we teach allow them to become life long learners, responsible citizens and people who can make a difference in society both now and in the future.

### Definition of what life skills and enterprise education is

We are providing children with the opportunity to develop skills that will allow them to "live life to the full" (JOHN 10:10). They will be able to handle uncertainty and respond positively to change. The children will create new ideas and ways of doing things. They will learn to reach out to the wider community and be confident in their abilities as life long learners.

### A vision / aims for life skills and enterprise in our school

We want our children to develop the following skills:

Independent enquirers

Creative thinkers

Reflective learners

Team workers

Self managers

Effective participators

We do this by providing opportunities to develop communication, teamwork, risk taking, negotiation and persuasion skills, creative thinking, initiative and decision making, organising and planning, problem solving, leadership, respect and responsibility, ethical awareness, flexibility and change, global awareness and management of money. We feel these skills prepare our children for society.

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**What are your objectives and how will you know you have achieved them?**

- Audit: started in 2008 and is constantly being reviewed
- Action Plan: Yearly and 3 yearly, linked to SIP
- Curriculum and extra curricular activity: Ensure life skills and enterprise is embedded throughout school life.
- Links with local business / entrepreneurs: This is done through challenges which each class are involved with each term
- CPD: Ongoing, Staff meetings, training for coordinators, INSET provided
- Management: SMT and Coordinator
- Monitoring & Evaluation : This is done rigorously and in line with school policy
- Assessment and Awards: Levels and tracking is used to assess all of the life and enterprise skills. We are working towards gaining the Cumbria ELP award.

Through embedding a life skills and enterprise culture in our school our children will experience exciting, child led, real life learning which will help to develop a 'can do' attitude which will impact positively on both themselves and society.

Teachers will consult with the children when considering learning opportunities and provide the appropriate environment to allow life skills and enterprise skills to flourish.

Termly challenges will be planned jointly between teachers and children, and will reach out and make a difference to the wider community. In addition to this skills will be taught and assessed through all curriculum and extra curricular activities.