

Summary

How effective is the school in providing Catholic education?

Good

Catholic education at St David's is good because:

- the Catholic ethos of the school is strong and permeates all aspects of school life.
- the headteacher and leadership team have a clear vision for Catholic education.
- teaching across the school is good, with some variability evident.
- most pupils make good progress in Religious Education.
- pupils' behaviour is very good.
- partnerships with parents, the parish and the local community are very strong.

What are the school's prospects for improvement?

Good

The school's prospects for improvement are good because:

- the governors are keen to develop their roles to support and challenge the school to improve outcomes and standards.
- the headteacher and leadership team have the skills and potential to make the necessary developments in order to raise standards further.
- staff exhibit the willingness and skills required to act upon the improvement plans to make a positive impact on provision.
- pupils' attitudes towards learning are good and they will respond positively to increased levels of challenge.

Recommendations and Required Actions

What does the school need to do to improve further?

R1: Further develop Assessment for Learning in Religious Education to include self- and peer-assessment so that it is firmly embedded in classroom practice and empowers pupils to improve their learning.

R2: Create opportunities to observe, reflect on and develop the practice of teachers and staff, both within the school and with other schools to develop proven pedagogies to support the delivery of ambitious lessons in Religious Education.

R3: Further establish, plan and actively promote opportunities for independent learning in Religious Education lessons.

R4: Continue to implement the development plans for Religious Education and the Archdiocesan Pupil Profile character formation programme.