## **GOVERNORS' CHARTER**

As Governors of Our Lady Catholic Primary School we will work to ensure that every child at the School, no matter what their background or circumstances, has the opportunity and support they need to achieve, enjoy, be healthy, stay safe and make a positive contribution.

## To achieve that end we will:

- ensure, together with the staff, that the best interests of the child, is our top priority when making decisions affecting children at the School;
- ensure all children have the opportunity to receive an outstanding education and be responsible for closely monitoring the teaching and learning within the School;
- ensure the School promotes Christian values, based on Catholic teaching and principles;
- be responsible for monitoring the policies and procedures of the School that affect the health and safety of the children;
- develop and monitor policies and procedures within the School to ensure that they are consistent with current legislation and best practice and, in doing so, work in partnership with HCC and the diocese;
- ensure that children in the School have a voice; that their ideas and concerns are listened to seriously and that they are consulted about decisions that affect them;
- together with the staff create and maintain an ethos within the School that recognises and promotes the rights and responsibilities of each individual within the School;
- ensure close communication with parents and carers about developments within the School and seek their views and support on all aspects of School life that affect their children;
- ensure that all the children have the right to participate in a wide range of cultural, sporting and artistic activities;
- ensure that all governors have the opportunity to undertake appropriate training and professional development to enable them to fully perform their role as governor.

The Governors recognise that the commitment and dedication of the teachers and staff at the school is crucial in achieving the aims set out in this charter. The governors will look to provide support to the teachers and staff of the school in whatever ways possible to afford them the best opportunity in assisting the governors in achieving the aims set out in this Charter.