**St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School:**
**Principals informing our Behaviour Policy**

*Mission Statement:*

*Together with Jesus, we will learn and grow in faith.*

*"Good behaviour is a necessary condition for effective teaching to take place."*
(Education Observed 5 - DES 1987)

The Governing Body accepts this principle and seeks to create an environment in the school that encourages and reinforces good behaviour. At St Oswald's we want to encourage an atmosphere and environment where the children feel safe and secure. This can be achieved when the children are enthusiastic, vibrant, happy, and thoughtful, they respect other people and their property and these messages are constantly reinforced. This will be achieved by reflecting on Gospel values of love and forgiveness so that we have a community where God's word is present in all actions and decisions.

It is this strong emphasis on mutual respect and understanding which underpins the principals and values held by all within our school community and indeed drives our Discipline & Behaviour Policy.

All procedures and expectations in our policy reflect the objectives in clear and concise terms, so that all children understand and may respond positively to our high standards of behaviour and discipline and will be consistently encouraged to do so by all adults within our school. Parents & Carers will know our rules, all rewards and sanctions and will trust that they are carried out fairly and equitably.

Our school is a happy, welcoming, vibrant community where we value each other and we value the work and efforts we pursue for the benefit of each other. Our Discipline & Behavior Policy reflects this caring, extremely positive ethos whilst recognising the importance of consistency in the maintaining of procedures and systems for the good and benefit of all.

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School is a place where Gospel values are lived out and permeate all areas of school life.