



Catholic Social Teaching Principles at Christ the King

What do we mean by Catholic Social Teaching?

Jesus taught us “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

The Church has given us ways in which we can follow this commandment in the modern world and this is known as Catholic Social Teaching. These are key principles for the organisation of society – the concepts of Human Dignity, Care for Creation, Solidarity, the Common Good, Caring for those most in need, Justice and Peace and Subsidiarity.

Link to our School Motto: ‘Believe and Achieve’

Year Group	CST	Definition	Biblical Scripture	Living it out	Link to Saint with quote:
Reception	Human Dignity	We believe everyone is special. Everyone is made by God and loved by Him. That means we should treat everyone kindly and fairly.	<i>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.</i> (Genesis 1:27)	When someone is sitting alone at playtime, you invite them to join your game because everyone deserves kindness.	St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) “We are all children of God.” (Shows that everyone is special and loved by God.)
Year 1	Care for Creation	Be believe we should care for creation. God gave us the earth as a gift, so we must look after nature and animals.	<i>“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden to work it and take care of it.”</i> (Genesis 2:15)	You help tidy up the playground and recycle paper so the earth stays clean and beautiful.	St. Francis of Assisi “Praise be to you, my Lord, for all creation.” (He loved animals and nature and cared for God’s world.)
Year 2	Solidarity	We believe in making choices that are good for everyone, not just	The Golden Rule ¹² “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do	Nobody is left out of games because they are not as good or strong.	St. John Paul II “We are all responsible for all.”

		ourselves. What is best for everyone? We should make choices that are good for everyone, not just ourselves.	also to them" (Matthew 7:12)	Talented players help to develop others.	(We should stand together and help each other.)
Year 3	The Common Good	We believe in thinking of everyone. We are one big family in God's world. We should stand together and help each other.	<i>"Love your neighbour as yourself."</i> (Mark 12:31)	You work together as a team during group work so everyone learns and feels included.	St. Oscar Romero "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." (He worked for justice and what was best for everyone.)
Year 4	Caring for those most in need	We believe we should care for people who need help the most.	<i>"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."</i> (Matthew 25:40)	You bring in food for the school charity collection to help families who don't have enough.	St. Vincent de Paul "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God." (He cared deeply for the poor and vulnerable.)
Year 5	Justice and Peace	We believe in being peacemakers and being fair to everyone	<i>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."</i> (Matthew 5:9)	When two friends argue, you help them talk calmly and find a fair solution instead of taking sides.	St Josephine Bakhita "It is an act of justice for the rich to help the poor"
Year 6	Subsidiarity	We believe everyone should have a say. Decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice.	<i>"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."</i> (Philippians 2:4)	Pupil voice as part of the School Council.	St. Catherine of Siena "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." (She spoke up and had a say in important decisions in her time.)

