

Learning to love, loving to learn.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Values Statement incorporating "British Values"

Mission Statement

At St Joseph's we share a vision that together we are the architects of the future, building lives on the firm foundations of the Gospel.

Inspired by Christian values we aim to provide love and security within a curriculum designed to meet the complex needs of all individuals, in order to prepare them to take their place in the ever changing world of today and tomorrow.

Background

The promotion of British values is central to Catholic Education because British values have their origin in the Christian values of our nation.

The Department for Education state that there is a need **"to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."**

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and the Prime Minister reiterated these values in 2014.

As a Catholic School we seek to live out the values of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We promote these values by our words and actions and Catholic doctrine and practice therefore permeates every aspect of the school's activity. We provide a Catholic curriculum, which is broad, balanced and relevant, recognising that every child is unique and is created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Our curriculum is designed to enable every child to discern their vocation and to be well-equipped to follow it as active citizens in service to the world.

Catholic Religious Education is the “core of the core curriculum”(Pope St John Paul II) and the foundation of the entire educational process. We also provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities and strong pastoral support. We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected and understanding is developed.

At St Joseph’s we recognise not only the importance of helping children to flourish academically but also spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, so we teach 22 values explicitly. These values reflect the views of the whole school community and aim to fully prepare our children for life in British society and for their role as citizens, able to make the strongest possible contribution to the Common Good of all. Through a two year cycle, these values are taught in depth to enable our children to gain a greater understanding of what it means to live a good life and our teaching draws on examples from the life of Jesus and his welcome and inclusion of all and thus underpins our teaching of British values.

Month	2016/17	2017/18
September	Understanding	Love
October	Patience	Respect
November	Faith	Forgiveness
December	Empathy	Honesty
January	Hope	Kindness and Caring
February	Appreciation	Trust
March	Peace	Tolerance
April	Unity	Perseverance
May	Happiness	Responsibility
June	Co-operation	Friendship
July	Courage	Humility

The CES “Catholic Values and British Values” document was used in the formulation of this statement.