



St Mary's

British Values Statement

At St Mary's CE Junior School we promote 'British values' through our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education which permeates through the schools' curriculum and supports the development of each child as an individual. This focus goes hand in hand with our core Christian values which were developed through consultation with all stakeholders.

The DfE has recently reinforced the 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, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs"* as defined in the 2011 'Prevent Strategy'.

At St Mary's CE Junior School these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

Democracy

The value of democracy is embedded in the school. At the start of each year all children are involved in a democratic voting system whereby they vote for members of their class to represent them on the school council. As a school we believe all children should have an opportunity to take on additional responsibilities as part of our school community for example forming part of our Eco Team or Global Friends. In addition to school council representatives putting forward suggestions to school council, pupils have opportunities to voice their opinions through other means for example by contributing to planning the curriculum, participating in pupil conferencing with staff, governors and sometimes other pupils and pupil questionnaires. Our team of Peer Mentors are trained annually to help resolve disputes on the playground in a democratic and fair way.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are reinforced throughout the school. All pupils are involved in setting and regularly reviewing their class charters to help each other make choices that are acceptable to the class, school and society as a whole. The school has a clear behaviour policy, which is understood and followed by all stakeholders. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Fire Service etc. and the 'Think Safe' programme are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

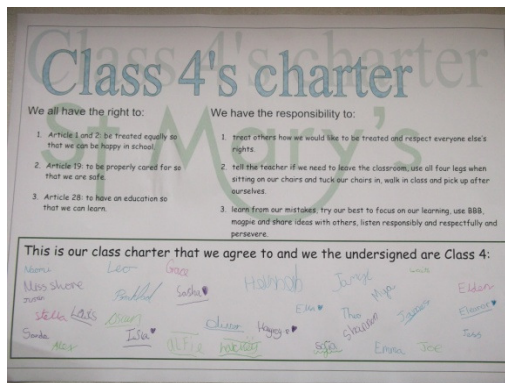
Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. As we are a Rights and Respecting School, pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, whilst respecting the rights of others and we seek to advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge in their work, through participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs, or through a choice of responsibilities to take on, pupils are given the freedom to make choices across the school.

Mutual Respect

All that we do at St Mary's revolves around our Christian Values. Our core Christian Value is Love. In our school this is described in terms of being One Family, where each member is encouraged to love and respect themselves, others, God and his world. The school community has identified several other values, including respect, to explore in more detail, to support the understanding and fulfilment of our core value. These values are underpin all aspects of our school life and are explored through collective worship and PSHE lessons in particular.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Our annual Friendship Week explores this in detail. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.



PEER MENTOR ROTA		
	BREAK	LUNCHTIME
Monday	Nya Isabelle	Daisy Hayley
Tuesday	Daisy Rebecca	Alfie Nya
Wednesday	Lily Alfie	Mollie Tom
Thursday	Mollie Hayley	Rebecca Chloe
Friday	Tom Chloe	Isabelle Lily

