



Position Statement

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St Mary's C.E Primary School is a Church of England School which Christian and RRSA ethos under pins the values within this school. We feel that through embracing RRSA and linking the RRSA principles to Christian values, we have developed a strong positive ethos, and give the children further opportunities to develop life skills to enhance achievement and attainment and become model citizens.

From this starting point, children can begin to make connections with the needs and rights of other children and learn more about themselves in the process. The strong Christian values of unconditional love, peace, forgiveness, humility and respect are embedded in the RRSA ethos.

We explore the UNICEF Rights for Children Charter alongside Christian Values that are centre to St Mary's ethos. We are close to achieving the level 2 Award (the highest accolade) of the Rights Respecting School Award. As a whole

school community, we incorporate its elements into our practice. The rights that the pupils of St Mary's have chosen (through pupil voice) are:

Article 6: You have the right to life and to be healthy

Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Article 24: Your right to good food and water and to see a Doctor if you are ill

Article 28: Your right to learn and go to school

Article 29: The right to become the best you can be

Article 31: Your right to relax and play

The RRSA framework alongside the Christian values shapes the ethos of St Mary's C.E Primary School and unifies pupils, parents and a community that has a great richness, diversity and many cultures and religions. Through St Mary's RRSA ethos, pupils develop a stronger sense of the need to act for global justice and have a stronger understanding of their rights and the responsibilities that are necessary and associated to their 42 rights.

What are the benefits?

The main areas of impact that St Mary's have identified are:

1. Improved self-esteem and well-being
2. A stronger understanding and feeling of the Christian values of love, friendship, respect, forgiveness and humility
3. Improved relationships and behaviour (reductions in bullying and exclusions and improved attendance)
4. Maximise engagement in learning

5. Positive attitudes towards diversity in society and the reduction of prejudice across all religions and cultures
6. Children and young people's enhanced moral understanding
7. Children and young people's support for global justice
8. Children and young people become more involved in decision-making in schools (pupil voice and St Mary's UNICEF Team)