

British Values

Promoting British Values at St. Wulstan's Catholic Primary School

The DfE have 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 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 these values have been reiterated this year (2014). At St. Wulstan's these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

The School Council meets monthly to discuss ideas and issues on a given agenda. The meetings are supported regularly by members of the school Senior Management Team. Each year the School Council writes its own action plan and is given money from the schools budget for improvement. Children have a say in many matters, for example; selecting suitable playground equipment and meeting with the contractors to plan the playground. The children have been involved in giving their thoughts to the learning environment and have also decided Our Play Ground Rules. School Council has fundraised to procure a new set of goal posts to improve the playtimes for KS2 children.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced at St. Wulstan's. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules. These are our School Rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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 Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message. 'Rules', 'Right and Wrong' and 'Laws' are taught and embedded as part of the school's PSHCE scheme of work which is delivered throughout the whole school.

Individual Liberty

At St. Wulstan's, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As an academy we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, for example, whether it is through choice of challenge, or simply by choosing to participate in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities. Our creative homework projects allow children to partake in activities that interest them and present them in interesting ways.

Mutual Respect

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. The school ethos and aims promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and School Rules, as well as our behaviour policy. Bullying has been an area whereby the school has placed a strong focus and provided children with a variety of assemblies and workshops to help them to reflect upon and understand the impact of bullying others. Each year the school council introduces bullying week with an assembly prepared by themselves.

Respect of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

St. Wulstan's is a Catholic School. We are proud of our Religion and its teachings. Jesus taught us to "Love one another as I have loved you." Due to this we have respect for all regardless, religion or background. All our Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.