

St John of Beverley RC Primary School

British Values

Everyone at St John of Beverley RC Primary School knows we are part of God's family. We share, play and learn together and try to be the best we can be.

Our response to the Government's British Values expectations is met through our school's Catholic faith, mission and ethos; living the Gospel values with Christ at the centre.

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
Rule of Law
Individual Liberty
Mutual Respect
Tolerance

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014. At St John of Beverley RC Primary School these values are reinforced regularly in our everyday teaching, living and learning.

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern us and keep us safe, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police help to reinforce this message.

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. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their individual rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, through RE, PSHE and Circle time. Pupils are given freedom to make choices challenging themselves in their learning and play, taking part in extra curricular activities and involvement in school and parish life.

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Together we journey with Jesus, inspiring each other to learn is our mission. This ensures our Christian values of respect, justice and peace are lived out, together with the wider sense of all people, showing respect for each other on their life path. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school family treat each other with respect and live out the Gospel Values.

St John of Beverley RC Primary School is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse. We place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children, through assembly and teaching of the Come and See RE Scheme. Assemblies are planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and

celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our work supporting CAFOD and learning through teaching resources supports our understanding of cultural differences and need for change. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and school.

At St John of Beverley RC Primary School we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.