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Promoting British Values Policy

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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.”***

In line with the publication, *Catholic Values and ‘British Values’ (Catholic Education Service)*, at St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School we promote British Values by:

Democracy

- Each class is represented in a school council and is involved in everyday school life, including participating in interviewing of prospective teachers.
- Democratic ideas are highlighted in lessons where appropriate.
- Pupils vote for peers to take up roles such as Team Captains.
- Children are treated as individuals and are listened to by adults

The Rule of Law

- Each class at the start of each year creates ‘class rules’.
- A clear behaviour policy has been agreed and children, staff, parents and governors understand it.
- The rules of the Church and God are highlighted in appropriate RE lessons, for example the 10 commandments.

Individual Liberty

- In lessons children are encouraged to be independent in their learning.
- Opportunities are provided for students to reflect as they take responsibility to discern their vocation.

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Mutual Respect

- Our school mission statement is inclusive to all children.
- The school community constantly promotes respect for others through the seven School Values, such as being polite, kind, helpful and looking after property.
- In class discussions all opinions are valued.
- We emphasise in relevant lessons that every person is unique and “created in the Image of God”
- We work collaboratively with other schools in a number of partnerships.
- We regularly support a number of charities.
- We recognise and celebrate the national and cultural diversity of our whole school community.

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

- In RE lessons we provide an understanding of our own faith as well as awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities as a basis for understanding and respecting them.
- We highlight how Jesus encouraged tolerance in stories such as the Good Samaritan.