



St Anne's School and Sixth Form College

Promoting British Values

This policy was adopted in the Autumn term 2016 and updated September 2018

INTRODUCTION

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.” These values are explicitly taught through Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education lessons (PSHCE), Religious Education (RE), Geography and History. We also teach British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

St Anne's 'Promoting British Values' policy links to the following school policies;

- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Equality Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Positive Behaviour Management Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- PSHCE Policy
- RE Policy
- SMSC Policy

The following national guidelines should also be read when working with this policy;

- Promoting British Values as part of SMSC in school

AIMS

The term 'British values' might be slightly misleading in that these values are integral to so many countries throughout the world – they differ in no way from the values of most western European countries, for example.

BEING PART OF BRITAIN

As a school, we value and celebrate the diverse heritages of everybody at St Anne's. Alongside this, we value and celebrate being part of Britain. In general terms, this means that we celebrate traditions, such as customs in the course of the year.

Further, children learn about being part of Britain from different specific perspectives. Some examples of when we teach about being part of Britain are:

- English
 - Stories about other Cultures
 - Real Events
 - Traditional Tales
 - Myths and Legends
- Geography
 - Our School
 - UK – Capitals, Countries, Seas and Characteristics
 - UK – Landscapes
 - European Awareness
 - Our World
 - Welton – Homes, Traffic and Work
 - Hull
- History
 - The Royal Family
 - Roman Brough
 - William Wilberforce
 - The Fishing Industry
 - Transport
 - Household Jobs (through the ages)
 - Toys (through the ages)
- Music
 - Through the Decades
- R.E.
 - Festivals and Celebrations
 - Belonging
 - Our World
- PSHCE (Jigsaw)
 - Being Me in My World
 - Celebrating Difference

DEMOCRACY

Children, parents and staff have many opportunities for their voices to be heard at St Anne's. Democracy is central to how we operate. An obvious example is our School council. Made up of representatives from each class, the School Council meets regularly to discuss issues raised by the different classes. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. We encourage pupils to take ownership of not only their school but also of their own learning and progress. There is also a Sixth Form Council. This encourages a heightened sense of both

personal and social responsibility and is demonstrated on a daily basis by our pupils.

RULES AND LAWS

The importance of rules and laws, whether they be those that govern our school or our country, are referred to and reinforced often, such as in assemblies and when reflecting on behaviour choices. At the start of the school year, each class discusses and sets its own Class Charter, a set of principles that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment.

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. These values are reinforced in different ways:

- visits from authorities such as the police and fire service
- during Religious Education, when rules for particular faiths are thought about
- during other school subjects, where there is respect and appreciation for different rules – in a sports lesson, for example

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Alongside rules and laws, we promote freedom of choice and the right to respectfully express views and beliefs. Through the provision of a safe, supportive environment and empowering education, we provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely.

Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are taught how to exercise these safely, such as in our e-safety and PSHCE lessons.

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

St Anne's School and College is proud to promote and celebrate our different backgrounds and beliefs. Mutual respect is at the heart of our aims and ethos. Our pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to *everyone*, whatever differences we may have, and to everything. Children learn that their behaviour choices have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community should treat each other with respect.