

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



A POLICY DOCUMENT

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES POLICY

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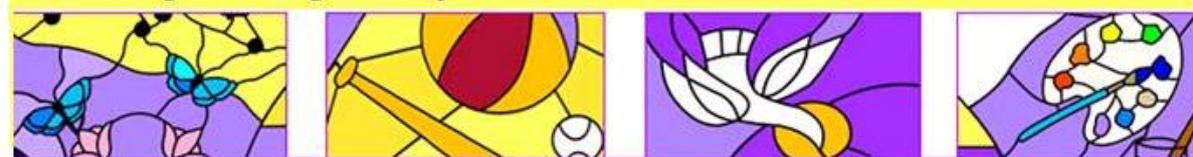
**St Mary's Catholic
Primary School**

To be the best that we can be.

We are uniquely created by God,
Each of us is equally valued and cherished for who we are.

Together we **learn** and grow with God.
Together we **support** and motivate one another.
Together we **respect** each other and the world in which we live.
Together we **forgive** as God forgives us.
Together we **inspire** lively and enquiring minds.
Together we **encourage** creativity, independence and responsibility.

Together we are home, school, parish, community.
We work together through the Gospel values central to the Catholic faith.



The Aims of Our School Are:

- To provide for the full personal and spiritual development of the pupils as they move on their journey of faith.
- To help the pupil to understand that every human being is uniquely created by God and destined to share in the life and love of the Father, Son and Spirit and that each is valued equally and cherished for who s/he is.
- To develop in the children enquiring minds, perseverance and the capacity to; question and listen, discuss rationally, be tolerant and work together or independently.
- To provide a broad balanced curriculum for the child, this, when applicable, takes into full account the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- To provide equal access to the full curriculum for all the children in our school.
- To provide opportunities for worshipping as a community.

Promoting British Values

The philosophy of the school is 'Learning together, learning for life,' which encapsulates our belief that being part of a vibrant and active community enriches the learning experiences of our students. We understand the importance of the school's role in actively promoting a strong sense of community amongst our students, who are aware of the multicultural, multi-faith and changing nature of the United Kingdom.

The values enshrined in the Equalities Act of 2010 are at the heart of our school. We believe that it is wrong to discriminate against anyone on the basis of ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality, disability, political beliefs, financial status or any other protected characteristic, and actively promote these values within the school community. We recognise the vital role played by schools in safeguarding young people from discrimination and radicalisation, and ensure that this role is supported by extremely robust safeguarding procedures.

The five British values, set out in the Government's 2011 Prevent Strategy, are the foundation of an effective community. The values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for other faiths and traditions are celebrated within the school community, both through our curriculum, reflecting the National Curriculum, and through a wealth of extra-curricular events and activities. The school focuses on a different British value each half term, with the students debating the importance of the value with their teachers.

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we will actively challenge pupils, parents or staff who express opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including extremist views. **St Mary's is currently working towards becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.**

British Values through the Curriculum

Interwoven within the curriculum in a range of curriculum areas are planned opportunities to teach the values of our society. Some examples are:

- **PSHE:** How we influence democracy is explored through PSHE and assemblies. This includes looking at historical figures such as Nelson Mandela and Gandhi and exploring the effectiveness of different approaches. The Rule of Law The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country is consistently reinforced at St Mary's. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety and PSHE lessons.
- **Geography:** We ensure that children have a better understanding of what Britain is, learning more about its capital cities and counties, its rivers and mountains, where Britain is in relation to the rest of Europe and other countries in the world.
- **History:** Britain and its influence in modern times are aspects woven into our imaginative learning projects
- **Music:** The study of British composers and their influence worldwide.
- **Art:** The study of how British artist influence others around the world.

- **Religious, Moral & Spiritual Education:** Gaining a greater understanding of the gospel values and practices. All children have the opportunity to visits places of worship that are important to the values of the school.

- **Physical Education:** Promotion of the concept of “fair play”, following and developing rules, inclusion, celebrating and rewarding success, being magnanimous in defeat and participation in activities that promote kinship and affiliation with others.
- **Computing:** Children are also taught about respect and bullying in the online world also, through our learning platform and through regular e-safety lessons.
- **Pupil Leadership:** Promotion of democratic processes, fostering the concept and application of freedom of speech and group action to address needs and concerns. Key to this is the concept of holding others to account, including those in positions of influence and authority.
- **Educational visits:** Our broad range of educational visits and experiences outside of the classroom equip our children with the skills to make a positive contribution to their community as equal citizens, as well as being able to look at British heritage in more depth. Recent visits have included the Imperial War Museum, Morden Hall Park, London Zoo, Hooke Court, Southwark Dioceses Advent Service, Science Museum, British Museum, Great Fire of London, Butser Farm and Fulham Palace.
- **Community Events:** We work closely with charities and organisations such as '????????????????????'. We encourage our children to interact with children from other schools, both locally and further afield, through organised activities.