



Promoting British Values

Our Mission Statement

"Do everything with love."

(St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 16:14)

This means that we will...

- *Show our love for Jesus in everything we say and do*
- *Respect everyone by recognising that God made us all different but equally valued.*
- *Strive for excellence and find ways to share, develop and celebrate our talents.*
- *Promote a safe, happy and enjoyable environment.*
- *Actively support our school, parish and the wider community.*

The Department for Education 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."

At St. Paul's we value and celebrate the diverse ethnic backgrounds of our pupils, staff and parents. We undertake a variety of events and lessons to learn about other faiths and beliefs and this actively promotes tolerance and respect for the differences in our community and the wider world.

British Values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE) and Religious Education (RE). We also teach British Values through delivering a broad and balanced curriculum which includes real opportunities for exploring these values. We have achieved the following external accreditations which demonstrate evidence of our commitment to British Values: OFSTED grade of 'Good' for behaviour- April 2013

Religious Education- Validation Report July 2014- Overall Effectiveness'-Good', Moral development-'Outstanding'

At St. Paul's, British Values are reinforced in the following ways:

Democracy

Democracy is an important value at our school. All adults listen to the views of our pupils and value their opinions. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voice heard through our school council. The elections of members are based on pupil votes. The school council members attend meetings held every fortnight and then feedback to their classes at a class meeting.

At the beginning of each school year, pupils work together to agree their class rules which are based around our 'Golden Rules'.

Recently, the children voted on the suitability of playgrounds and as a result of pupil voice, the older children are now playing on the lower playground and the top playground is now for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Members of the school council have also met with representatives from the catering company to express their views about school dinners.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws and rules, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced at all times. Our policy to Promote Positive Relationships is aligned to our Golden Rules which are:

- Be gentle
- Be kind and helpful
- Try our best
- Look after property
- Follow instruction
- Listen to others

- Be truthful

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibility that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. If rules are broken, children are asked to identify which rule they have broken to ensure that this connection is made and is understood.

Staff at St. Paul's promotes positive behaviour by following policies consistently. Rewards are given at class level and during Celebration assembly on a Friday. There is also a Prefect award for good behaviour

Individual Liberty

Pupils are actively encouraged to be independent learners and to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. They are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through PSHE and e-safety lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs at lunch time and at the end of the day. In some lessons, they are able to choose the level of challenge and they can choose a method to record their learning.

Mutual Respect

Our school ethos and policies are underpinned by our Mission Statement, "Do Everything with Love." This means that we will "respect everyone by recognising that God made us all different but equally valued". Our Golden Rules which help us to live out our mission determine how we live as a community at St. Paul's. They are highly visible around the school and can be seen in classrooms and in the hall. Liturgies and assemblies constantly promote respect for others. All pupils are taught the importance of self-respect, honesty and fair play. During class lessons pupils learn collaboratively and value others' opinions.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

As a Catholic worshipping community, pupils are reminded of their place in a culturally diverse society. This is achieved through our Religious Education curriculum, the spiritual life of our school, PSHE and other areas of the curriculum. During RE lessons, pupils learn about other faiths and members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. We are very proud to be linked to a primary school in Africa. Currently the children at St. John's Primary in Kenya are creating some drawings for our Creation Garden. This project has encouraged our pupils to consider similarities and differences between our two schools. We also use opportunities such as the Olympics and World Cup to study and learn about different cultures. Pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 learn Spanish and learn about the culture of Spain.