

British Values at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

'Let Trust, Respect and Love live here'

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School is committed to preparing children for life in the modern and diverse environment that Britain is today. We see it as our duty to provide our children with opportunities to explore the key British values that this country stands for. It is important that the children understand what makes Britain a democratic society, know right from wrong and understand their right and freedom to speak out. We are a Catholic school. The children of St. Anne's are educated in a way that teaches them to respect and tolerate other people's faiths and beliefs whilst celebrating their own.

This statement outlines some of the ways we actively promote British values.

Rule of Law:

- At the beginning of each year the school rules, known as the 'St. Anne's Code' are shared with children in lessons and assemblies. They are displayed throughout the school and referenced regularly when dealing with behavioural issues.
- Children are encouraged to consider the right and wrong in different scenarios; they discuss making choices and are encouraged to consider the consequences of their actions.
- Children consider the importance of laws.
- Police visit the school regularly as part of our curriculum.
- Assemblies are delivered with a focus on the law e.g. E-safety.

Democracy:

- Each class elects school council members, voted for by the children. These children take forward the ideas of their classmates to school council meetings for discussion about ways they think the school can be improved.
- Each year, good role models are elected as Head Boy and Head Girl by their class mates. On a termly basis, children elect house captains. Year Six pupils write a short manifesto explaining why they should be chosen as house captain and are then voted for by the other members of their own house.
- Children debate topics they are learning about throughout the curriculum. They are encouraged to consider their argument and the opposing viewpoint before their debate.
- As part of their PSHE work, children learn about topics such as: MPs, the General Election, how parliament works and the role of the Prime Minister.

Individual Liberty:

- Children throughout the school are given roles and responsibilities, such as monitors, special friends, librarians, eco-warriors and sports leaders.
- We build children's self confidence and self esteem by celebrating children's achievements, talents and by recognising their actions as good citizens.
- Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- Through a variety of extra curricular activities, children are given the freedom to make choices.
- Rights and responsibilities are regularly discussed as part of PSHE work.

Respect and Tolerance:

Our mission: 'Let trust, respect and love live here'

Our vision: 'With Jesus in our hearts we learn and grow.'

These statements are lived out in the daily life of our school. We are a caring community. Our values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school's ethos promotes harmony to ensure that all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way.

Classes will learn about other world faiths, in addition to their Catholic RE work. They may visit another place of worship or invite visits from people of other cultures and faiths. Children are encouraged to share their own experiences of their faith and culture with their classmates. Children take part in a 'Faith Week' each year to explore their own faith, and the beliefs of others in the world.

In PSHE children in Key Stage 2 are explicitly taught about difference and diversity in their PSHE lessons. They learn about stereotypes and the need to challenge them. They develop an appropriate vocabulary to discuss cultural differences.