



Promoting British Values

Introduction

At St John Bosco RC Primary School, our Mission Statement has Jesus at the heart of everything we do:
At St. John Bosco Catholic School, we belong to the family of God.

Following Jesus

Growing in love

Learning together

Respecting and caring for each other and those in our community

Making the right choices

As a Catholic school, we encourage our children to make the most of the talents which have been given to them by God, be respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world. Through our catholic mission and work on rights respecting schools, we aim to support our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British Society and to the world.

What are British Values?

There are certain values that have been attributed to being British, as set out by the Government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. These fall into the following areas:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Democracy

Democratic values are explicit in the ethos at St John Bosco. All adults listen to the views of the pupils and value their opinions. Our School Council members are elected through a democratic system of voting in each class which provides a voice for all pupils. Examples of ways pupils have contributed to decision making include;

- Choosing colours for the new toilets
- Selecting charities to support
- Leading the walk to school campaign and the 'Outright' campaign for refugees

Pupils are given the opportunity to share their ideas through the School Council, pupil questionnaires, the GIFT Chaplaincy team and being a librarian or a buddy.

Pupils are involved in the interview process for members of the GIFT Chaplaincy team.

As part of our House system, each half term all the members of the winning house vote for their house point treats, which recently have included;

- A party
- A cinema afternoon

The Rule of Law

Pupils are taught to understand the need for laws and rules - that they are there to keep us safe, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws and rules are broken or not followed correctly;

- Our School Golden Rules, and Class Rules promote the importance of the law
- Pupils follow our positive school behaviour policy and demonstrate a good understanding of the rewards and sanctions that are used.
- Other policies which help pupils to understand the rule of law are the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and the Anti-bullying policy.
- Through assemblies, collective worship, philosophy for children and circle time, we teach respect for all, right and wrong, tolerance, respect and following the law.
- Visits from community services, including the Police and Fire Service reinforce messages about the rule of law
- The rules of the Church and God are highlighted through the RE curriculum,
- Road safety is taught through the bikeability programme, which helps children who cycle to school to do so safely

Individual Liberty

At St John Bosco pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, within a safe and supportive environment where developing their self-esteem and self-confidence is seen as very important. Pupils are encouraged to understand their personal freedoms and are taught consideration for others through our R.E. curriculum, Philosophy for Children and PSHE sessions. E-safety teaching enables them to make choices about Internet use in a safe manner. Pupils can volunteer to be Pupil Chaplains, Buddies, School Council members and take part in school clubs and activities.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our school values, as outlined in our school Mission Statement, 'Respecting and caring for each other and those in our community.'

Mutual respect is also promoted through;

- Philosophy for children sessions where pupils are taught to work collaboratively and value each other's opinions
- Promotion of and participation in anti-bullying week, underpinned by assemblies and an effective anti-bullying policy
- E-safety teaching and participation in the Childnet digital leaders programme where pupils are trained to educate their peers, parents and teachers about staying safe online
- Education links with other schools and respect for children in different school communities are developed through our GIFT Chaplaincy team and participation in inter-school sports competitions
- Supporting local and international charities, including the Lalley Centre, St Joseph's Penny, CAFOD and Book Aid International

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

St John Bosco is a diverse school community, with our Mission Statement, RE lesson and Philosophy for children sessions reinforcing messages of tolerance and respect for others:

- As part of our 'Come and See' RE Curriculum, pupils learn about other faiths, including Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism
- Visitors from other faiths share their faith and belief as part of RE lessons and pupils tell us they now have greater understanding of other faiths and religions,
 - 'We have become more understanding about other religions and accepting of different beliefs'. (Year 5 pupil)
 - 'The more we have learnt, the more understanding we have become' (Year 6)