



British Values

At St Cuthbert's we begin each school year reflecting on and promoting the fundamental British values of **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

We aim to develop:

- An understanding of how citizens can influence decision making through the democratic process;
- An appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety;
- An understanding of the judiciary system;
- An understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law;
- An acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs should be accepted and tolerated and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour;
- An understanding of the importance of identifying and combating discrimination.

At St Cuthbert's we promote British values in a range of ways, including:

Voting on a range of situations linked to the life of the school e.g. Head Boy and Head Girl, School Council members, Eco Council members, House Captains and which charities we will support throughout the year.

Ensuring all pupils feel listened to by adults. We begin each school year by affirming our expectations of pupils and staff, our school and class rules, and the rights and responsibilities associated with them.

Our pupils are encouraged to help others through involvement with the school council, eco council, Mini Vinnies, House Captains, play leaders and through the buddy system for our Reception class.

At the beginning of each year, with the help of our pupils, we review our school and class rules. Children are aware of the behaviour expected of a St Cuthbert's pupil and our behaviour policy reflects this. Children understand why it is important to follow the rules they helped create. They are also aware of the consequences of not following the rules.

Outstanding behaviour is what is expected and celebrated at our weekly celebration assembly.

Our children are encouraged to be independent learners and thinkers. They are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and are supported by giving them feedback/next steps to aid their progress.

Our children are aware that everyone is unique and have their own skills and talents. They understand they must use these skills and talents in order to grow and help each other lead full and happy lives. Through Jesus' teachings they understand the importance of living and learning together.

We promote the use of showing respect through good manners, valuing and listening to the opinions of others and recognising that we are unique, made in the image of God.

Pupils are taught to value the worth of others through weekly whole school worship, celebration assemblies, displays of work and promoting high expectation in presentation of work in books.

Pupils are encouraged to have a deep understanding of their own faith and to show an awareness and respect for other religions. Pupils are encouraged to support others through charity works, links to the parish community and wider community.

Pupils must continue to show respect when they are representing our school in competition and when on school visits.