



Promoting British Values at St Joseph's Primary school

(Link to PHSE and Citizenship policy)

The DFE 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 of those with different faiths and beliefs. Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to fundamental British values."

(Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools. Departmental advice for maintained schools November 2014
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At St Joseph's these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democracy is an important part of our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Pupil Council and Pupil questionnaires. The election of Pupil council representatives occurs every year. Pupils lay out a manifesto of what they hope to achieve during their year as class representatives. Each class votes for 2 representatives. Years 2 to 6 also decide on class behaviour rules linked to the behaviour policy. This is a democratic process which the class then signs up to.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service and St John's ambulance are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty:

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. E-safety monitors are democratically elected by the class. They take their roles seriously and responsibly to protect their peers. The school has the 360 E Safety mark which signifies how important E Safety is to our school and the children in our care.

Whether it is willingness to participate and respond positively to artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities through choice of challenge, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. At St Joseph's we have extra - curricular clubs where children can choose to participate at all levels.

Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy. In 2017-2018 all stakeholders in the school were consulted on a new behaviour policy linked to our core values. The children were at the heart of the consultation and drew up their own 'expected behaviour' chart. St Joseph's took an active part in school anti bullying week, 16th-27th November 2018, with a series of assemblies and PHSE lessons. The children created posters which are displayed around the school. As a school we promote local and global charities through- out the year.

An understanding that Different Faiths and Beliefs are protected by law and that everyone has the freedom to practice their Faith or Belief:

This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Members of different faiths are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. We enable our pupils to further their appreciation by looking in depth at such festivals as Eid, Divali, Chinese New Year and Passover. Our R.E. scheme of work 'God matters' covers teachings about other faiths and frequent book scrutiny's by the SLT and RE coordinator ensures that coverage of the syllabus is being followed. We will endeavour to invite speakers in to school to talk about their faith and create opportunities for pupils to visit other faith centres of worship.

At St Joseph's Primary School we will actively challenge all stake holders that express opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including any kinds of 'extremist' views contrary to our ethos.

Alongside our curriculum which supports British values the following activities took place in 2018-2019

WOW week- A week dedicated to remembering the sacrifice of people during the first and second world war.

Harvest festival: Donations to Portishead and Clevedon foodbank

Remembrance Day. Collections for Poppy appeal.

Divali celebrations

Anti Bulling week activities

Christmas play collection for children's choice charity.

Local community from St Peter's sheltered accommodation invited in to watch Year 3 and 4 Christmas singalong remembering the Second World War

Christmas Jumper appeal for Save The Children

Chinese New Year

Eid celebrations

Pre Lent assembly for CAFOD, fundraising during Lent for CAFOD

Supporting Portishead in Bloom and Turn the tide (local volunteer groups focusing on recycling, litter picking and sustainable planting)

E safety week

A member of the Muslim community came in for work experience and talked to KS1 about her faith

Other Fund Raising during the year

Catholic Foundation for Overseas Development -CAFOD

Cancer research

World Book aid

Be more Ben (Local charity supporting research into brain tumours)

Rotary club of Portishead through a swimathon

Skipathon for Heart research

BBC Children in Need