

British Values at St Michael's

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school. Pupils are always listened to by adults and taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their voices heard. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions through The School Council, frequent class discussions and pupil questionnaires. The election of House Captains are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting the British electoral system and democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced. Our school has the 6Rs which set the expectations for the behaviour and code of conduct for all members of the school community. Each class discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. Pupils are taught the reasons and value behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

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 our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of these can be seen in PSHE lessons and e safety guidance. Whether choosing challenges in their learning or selecting extra- curricular clubs, our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Respect is one of our 6Rs and is deeply embedded in all that we do at St Michael's. Pupils understand that it is vital that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. Respect underpins our work every day both in and outside the classroom.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our core value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. St Michael's C of E Primary enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies, PSHE work and participating in celebrations such as Diwali and welcoming visitors from other faiths. The creative curriculum allows pupils to study in depth the traditions and cultures of countries across the globe and enrich their understanding of life beyond their own familiar place. In this way, pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.