



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



British Values at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

The examples that follow are an indication of some of the many ways we seek to embed *British values* into our curriculum at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and should be seen as an indication of our approach rather than an exhaustive:

- We ensure all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, and demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting democratic processes such as a school council whose members are voted for by the pupils;
- We consider the role of extra-curricular activity, including any run directly by pupils, in promoting fundamental British values

We also promote British Values through some of the examples given below:

Democracy

- We have an active school council
- Children are encouraged to present fund-raising and other ideas to the school council
- During lessons pupils are given opportunities to express and discuss opinions
- Highlighting the development of democratic ideas in history lessons
- Allowing pupils to vote for House Captains
- Ensuring all pupils are listened to by adults
- Visiting parliaments, assemblies and local councils

The Rule of Law

- Classes creating "class rules"
- Having a clear behaviour policy that is explained to all with clear sanctions and reward structure
- Organising visits from the police service to reinforce the message of right and wrong
- Highlighting the rules of the Church and God in the RE curriculum, for example the 10 commandments
- Teaching about the development of the Rule of Law in English Law, a legal system created uniquely in a Catholic England, inspired by Christian values and becoming a major influence across the world

Individual Liberty

- Encourage pupils to be independent in their learning
- Provide pupils with opportunities for reflection as they take responsibility to discerning their vocation

Mutual respect

- Having a mission statement and school values that are inclusive
- Constantly promoting respect for others such as good manners
- Reinforcing the value of everyone's opinions in class debates
- Having an effective anti-bullying policy (Sharing and Caring)
- Emphasising in RE lessons that every person is unique and "created in the image of God"
- Having active educational links with other schools
- Supporting charitable works (e.g. CAFOD; Shoe Box)

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

- Highlight how Religious Education provides pupils with a deep understanding of their own faith as well as awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities
- Show how Jesus encouraged tolerance in stories such as The Good Samaritan and The Women at the Well
- Celebrate other faiths through 'Faith Weeks' and visiting speakers.