

Promoting British Values at St Joseph's Nursery



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 and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."***

First and foremost we recognise that our role as a Catholic Nursery is to uphold our Catholic values and our mission statement that:

'At St Joseph's we love learn and live by the example of Jesus Christ'



The Department for Education defines British Values as follows:

- Respect for democracy and support or participation in the democratic process
- Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England
- Support for equality of opportunity for all
- Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- Respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

Our catholic ethos supports us to live out the values of Jesus Christ which recognises that every person is unique and is created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). We promote these values by our words and deeds. We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected.

Our nursery therefore reflects British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring,

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democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world. We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our nursery, our local community and the wider world.

At St Joseph's Nursery we are committed to serving our community and local area. In so doing, we reinforce British values regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democratic values are an explicit part of the ethos at St Joseph's. All adults listen to the views of the children and value their opinions. We listen to parent's voice. We listen to children's and parents' voice. As part of the nursery behavior policy, children are expected to contribute and co-operate, taking into account the views of others.

The Rule of Law:

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules) that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

Individual Liberty:

Within the nursery, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a nursery we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

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Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and behavior policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and children are modeled this by caring, sharing and listening to others. The staff helps children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/careers to participate and support our multi-cultural events.