



More about British Values

The Government set out its definition of British values in 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014. At St Paul's Catholic Primary School these values have always been important and are reinforced within our curriculum in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children choose a class representative for the School Council. Children are given the opportunity to show-case why they should be chosen. Their classmates then choose accordingly. In addition to this, children from across the school can apply to be librarians.

To further develop a sense of responsibility, within a democratic setting, all Y5 pupils are given the opportunity to apply for a variety of positions to help with the running of the school. These include: Prefects, Prayer Leaders, Office Support and Sports Representatives.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at St Paul's Catholic Primary School. Everyone in our community is aware of their responsibility to behaving in a particular way. Our 'Golden Rules' boards are present around the school and successful underpin outstanding behaviour at St Paul's Catholic Primary School. The shared 'responsibilities' were decided upon by the whole school so are clearly understood and adhered. They provide a powerful reference point. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as our local PCSOs and other emergency services help reinforce this message. We also have the St Paul's award that is linked closely to following our 7 golden rules.

Individual Liberty

At St Paul's 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 informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Collective Worship, eSafety and PSHE lessons. We are aware that on occasions our pupils may make the wrong choices. Our learners are developing in a community which encourages clear reflection in an attempt to ensure better choices are made 'next time'.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect following our school mission statement: 'Do Everything With Love'.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

St Paul's is an inclusive school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures, which involves week blocks of learning about different faiths. We have visitors and resource boxes to help celebrate this. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Staff are Prevent trained and understand how to best protect and support our children.