



St. Paul's CE Junior School

British Values Statement

As of June 2014 we have been required to make a statement about how British Values are taught at St. Paul's. The Fundamental British Values according to the Department of Education are: democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Democracy is embedded at our school. All pupils have the opportunity to voice their opinions. These opinions are respected by the adults in school and discussed with the Head teacher and Governors. Our well established and effective School Council provides a forum for pupil voice. Each class democratically elects their representatives each year. Links with the democratically elected Town Mayor and Local MP reinforces pupils' understanding of how democracy works at a local and national level.

Rule of Law is a principle which underpins our day-to-day organisation, ensuring everyone is safe and thriving. Each September we establish our Behaviour Agreement for the year in a whole school meeting involving all pupils and teachers. This agreement is then published and posted around the school for the year and is reinforced if individuals fall short of the agreement. This agreement covers all activities in school, inside and outside the classroom. It applies to all adults and children.

Individual Liberty is promoted within the boundaries that our outstanding safeguarding practice provides. Pupils are taught about their rights and responsibilities. They are also encouraged to consider their role as global citizens. Pupils have an opportunity to exercise their human right of individual liberty on a daily basis and this is reinforced in whole school assemblies, debates and circle times.

Mutual respect is the hallmark of our school. We are an inclusive school, catering for all children in the parish of St. Paul's regardless of ability, faith, race, gender or economic background. Our school ethos emphasises our commitment to mutual respect. Our relationships within school are underpinned

by mutual respect. All lessons are conducted in this manner and key messages are reinforced in assemblies, Circletime, RE and Global learning lessons.

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs is a crucial part of the education that our pupils receive at St. Paul's. Our Christian faith teaches tolerance of others. This value is threaded through our whole school curriculum. Pupils are exposed to a variety of cultural experiences including visiting places of worship, communicating with children in other parts of the world and meeting visitors from other cultures and countries.