



"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

'To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'

The above definition of British Values was set out by the government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and added to Ofsted inspection guidance in July 2014.

At Holy Name we teach British Values through a variety of means:

- Through the deliverance of whole school British Values days. These days end with a sharing assembly where our children are able to showcase their learning to each other and parents. We also use one of our British Values Days to elect our school council through a democratic process.
- We also encompass and promote British Values into all aspects of our everyday teaching.

Democracy:

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. The election of members of the School Council are based on pupil votes. Each class (Y2 –Y6) elects two pupils to represent their views. At Holy Name we also elect house captains who lead house assemblies to support the provision of collective worship in school and provide pastoral support through sharing ideas and messages on key issues such as anti-bullying and healthy eating.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of laws and rules are consistently reinforced in the classroom, as well as through school assemblies. Pupils are taught to understand the need for laws for individual protection, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws and rules are broken. This can be seen through the classroom rule displays that have been composed and created by each individual class.

Pupils follow a positive behaviour policy and clearly understand the rewards and sanctions that are used. Assemblies and discussions in class focus on recognising right from wrong and visits from the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce these messages.

Individual Liberty:

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-Safety teaching and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs, being involved with dating their own targets etc.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

We aim to promote the understanding and appreciation of different faiths and cultures both within our school and the wider world. At Holy Name we take part in whole school multi-faith days where children are able to listen to a guest speaker and take part in cultural workshops to develop their understanding of other faiths. In the Early years and Key Stage one we learn about a variety of celebrations as they occur on the calendar including Diwali, Hanukah, Chinese New year and Passover. In Key Stage Two there are visits to other places of worship where children are able to see the similarities between the Catholic faith and other faiths. This helps the children to understand the faith of others.

We actively promote courtesy and good manners towards all, each week, one child from each key stage are awarded the courtesy award - the courtesy award is for those pupils actively promoting manners and kindness and being a good role model.

We also have a thriving buddy system by where each Year Six pupil is paired with a Reception pupil. The year six buddies sit with their Reception buddies to eat lunch at least once a week and spend time teaching them play ground games and developing their PSE. The buddy system also branches out to reading buddies where Year Six and reception have time to read to each other.

Mutual Respect:

Caring, sharing and listening to others. We believe that respect for others is a vital component of moral development. We also actively encourage our children to have respect for others (and their talents) through our annual "Holy Name has Talent"-school talent show. Each class raises money through our almsgiving during the season of Lent, for a variety of worthwhile charities including - CAFOD and Father Hudson's Society. The children are encouraged to think of their own almsgiving strategy - which gives them ownership of their charitable efforts.

In Years One to Six we host parent showcases, where children showcase their home learning projects to their classmates and to parents as a celebration of their achievements.