



# **BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT**

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for  
St Mary's C.E. School**

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**St Mary's CE Primary School actively promotes the core British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, mutual respect, tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. In accordance with these values, which are at the heart of our school's Christian ethos, extremist ideas will be challenged and opportunities for radicalisation prevented.**

We promote British values in many ways; through teaching and learning (in particular the PSHCE curriculum), Collective Worship and through our wider school activities.

At St Mary's we promote the importance of **democracy** through:

- the open and fair voting processes for School Council and Sports Council, Junior Safety Officer and for many house competitions
- taking part in the borough Pupil Parliament
- discussions between School and Sports Councillors and the Headteacher/SLT about matters of concern to pupils
- carrying out regular Pupil and Parent surveys

At St Mary's we promote the importance of **individual liberty** by:

- giving the opportunity to choose to take part in school-run clubs and other optional activities
- encouraging child-led activities such as cake sales for charity
- supporting increasing liberty as pupils move up through the school to yr 6, for example reading monitors walking independently between sites

At St Mary's we promote the importance of **law** through:

- the Home-School agreement which is signed by all pupils
- following all government legislation relating to education
- through our partnership with the local Road Safety Officer and Police team
- publicising Police Station open days

At St Mary's we promote the importance of **mutual respect** through:

- the Home-School Agreement
- our PSHCE curriculum
- regular Collective Worship
- publishing the yearly aspirations of each class and their individual class rules
- regular house events celebrating different aspects of the curriculum (music, sports, cooking etc)

At St Mary's we promote the **tolerance** of those with different faiths and beliefs through

- our Religious Education curriculum
- our Collective Worship programme which includes stories from different religious traditions and which encourages children to empathise with and pray for people of all faiths, from all over the world.

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