



British Values Statement

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for St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Being part of Britain

Our government believes that, 'British society is founded on fundamental values and principles, which all those living in the UK should respect and support. These values are reflected in the responsibilities, rights and privileges of being a British citizen or permanent resident of the UK. They are based on history and traditions and are protected by law, customs and expectations. There is no place in British society for extremism or intolerance.'

Promoting British Values

St. Mary's School actively promotes the core British values in many ways; through teaching and learning (by providing a diverse curriculum integrated across all subjects), collective worship and the undertaking of wider school and community driven projects. In accordance with the core British values, which are at the heart of St. Mary's Christian ethos, extremist ideas will be challenged and opportunities for radicalisation prevented.

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Democracy

- 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

Individual Liberty

- 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 year 6, for example reading monitors walking independently between sites

The rule of law

- the home-school agreement
- following all government legislation relating to education
- through our partnership with the local Road Safety Officer and Police team
- publicising police station open days

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

- the home-school agreement
- diverse and integrated curriculum, diversity projects and PSHCE activities
- 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.
- publishing class aspirations rules
- regular house events celebrating different aspects of the curriculum (music, sports, cooking etc)
- our Religious Education curriculum

Extremism

The school is aware of the need to be vigilant when it comes to extreme attitudes or behaviour of any kind and appropriate actions will be taken accordingly. All staff are fully trained by the local authority Prevent lead.

Further links:

Departmental advice on promoting basic important British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-fundamental-british-values-through-smsc>

Departmental advice for schools and child care providers on The Prevent Duty

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf

Equalities Statement

St Mary's positively celebrates diversity and inclusion is core to its Christian ethos. The Governing Body recognises that no one should receive less favourable unlawful treatment than another on the grounds of gender, marital or civil partnership status, colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, religious beliefs, age, or sexual orientation. It is the Governors' aim that no-one at the School should suffer unlawful direct or indirect discrimination, victimisation or harassment on any of these grounds. The Governing Body is committed to embedding fairness and equality at the heart of the school community, and in all aspects of the school's policies, procedures and practices.