

# St. Clare's Catholic Primary School



## BRITISH VALUES

British values are promoted in all schools to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. The fundamental British values are:

1. Democracy
2. The rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect
5. Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Children at St. Clare's learn about this to ensure that they become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background, and understand the importance of respect. This ensures that they leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

Examples of the understanding and knowledge our pupils will learn include:

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an understanding that the freedom to hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- an acceptance that people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination

At St. Clare's, we actively promote British values in a variety of ways including the following:

- Including it in suitable parts of the curriculum - as appropriate for the age of pupils – such as the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of democracy, and how democracy and the law works in Britain. This begins with their own experience of the election process for School Council members and includes activities which involve visits and talks from the Police.
- Ensuring that all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, and demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting democratic processes such as our School Council whose members are voted for by the pupils.
- Ensuring that pupils recognise their individual liberty and learn to make safe choices in a supportive environment, appreciating how their choices and actions can affect others.
- Teaching about mutual respect and the gospel values which underpin our mission statement and reinforce our expectations of the highest standards of behaviour and positive interactions with one another.
- Through our Religious Education curriculum, teaching about other faiths and beliefs and promoting respect and tolerance.
- Using opportunities such as general or local elections to hold mock elections to promote fundamental British values and also providing pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view in different subject areas.