



St James' C.E. Primary School

Learn, laugh and live with the love of God.

British Values at St James CE Primary School

At St James' CE Primary School we uphold and teach pupils about British Values which are defined as:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

These values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE), and Religious Education (RE). We also teach British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. We have achieved the following external accreditations which demonstrate evidence of our commitment to British Values

- Ofsted grade of 'Good' (February 2012)
- School Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) grade of 'Good' (February 2012)

The school takes opportunities to actively promote British Values through daily assemblies and whole school systems and structures such as electing and running a successful School Council. We also actively promote British values through ensuring that our curriculum planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring these values.

At St James CE Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council and regular questionnaires. The elections of the School Council members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days. Our school has 'Golden Rules', which are deeply embedded in our work every day. Each class also discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. Our pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the police and fire service are regular parts of our calendar and help to reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our e-safety and P.S.H.E. lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge; of how they record; of participation in our numerous extra-curricular activities; our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy are based around the values of 'respect' and 'responsibility' and these values determine how we live as a community at St James CE Primary School. The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of respect underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity in our local community which is by large white British. Our core value of respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. St James' CE Primary School enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies, P.S.H.E. work and welcoming visitors from a variety of faiths and beliefs. During a Geography focused half term each class will specifically focus on one country from different continents. Beliefs, traditions and customs will be studied in depth and through this our pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.

Examples of British values being taught in the curriculum at St James' CE Primary School can be found on the document entitled 'Threading British values into our curriculum'.