



# English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School – Statement of British Values

## Democracy

- We listen to pupils and parent’s voice, Questionnaires are sent to parents and pupils, views are regularly collected on a variety of issues.
- Children are involved in democratic process, e.g. school council elections, Head boy / girl, ambassadors.
- Year 6 complete a programme on citizenship to enable them to be good citizens in the future.
- Regular assemblies are given on major political events taking place in Great Britain
- Ensuring all pupils are listened to by adults – Good to Talk

## Acceptance of Different Faith and Beliefs

- RE taught across the school in addition to Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. This learning includes visits to places of worship and using a wide variety of resources to help pupils understand other faiths.
- PHSE Lessons and assemblies on current events.
- Geography and History curriculum makes pupils explore other cultures, both past and present.
- Through our provisions of RE & PHSE we support the provision of pupils, spiritual, vocal and social cultural development, we recognise the multicultural, multi faith nature of the UK and we aim to equip pupils with the knowledge, skills and attitudes in a diverse society.

## Introduction

Promoting British values at English Martyrs’ School.

## Statement of Intent

The DFE have reinforced the need to “create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectations on all schools to promote the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs” The values are reinforced regularly in the following ways.

We encourage all children to be tolerant and respectful to those of different faiths and beliefs. This is done by providing the children with an understanding of the main festivals and key dates of significance to British culture e.g. Remembrance Day, the Queen’s Birthday and major political events such as elections.

We are forming strong links in our local community with other local schools and are participating in a range of out of school activities e.g. sporting events and gifted and talented learning programmes.

## Mutual Respect

- The Mission statement that is inclusive.
- Our school ethos and behaviour policy is based on respect – to respect themselves; other people and their surroundings.
- Respect is embedded within the whole school.
- Promoting good manners.
- Our RE, Literacy, PHSE curriculum embodies values of mutual respect.
- The use of buddy schemes promotes mutual respect between pupils across different phases in school.
- Study of multi faiths – Judaism, Sikhism, Islam and Hinduism.
- School productions promote a universal theme of respect and our core values.
- Public acknowledgments of all awards and achievements of the pupils gained from outside school activities.
- National and international Twinning projects to illustrate different life experiences for children around the world.- Uganda, China
- Supporting various charities chosen (2015) directly by pupils in school.

## Individual Liberty

- Encourage pupils to be independent in their thinking and learning.
- Pupils have key roles in the school. Specifically yr6 who have time set aside each week to do things to benefit the school community. These include monitor roles, prayer leaders, setting & leading assemblies, library.
- Mission statement and visual representation of our school core values, spread our vision.
- Pupils are provided opportunities for reflection.

## The Rule of Law

- We consistently reinforce our high expectations of pupils.
- Core values and the reasons behind our high expectations (rules) to protect them and keep them safe.
- School has links with the local Police and Fire Stations.
- Clearly structured and publicised positive behaviour policy underpinned by class rules.
- Assemblies cover national and international events.
- Visits from outside agencies, e.g. Fire Safet , Road crossing/pedestrian, E-Safety training, Safety on building sites (NSPCC& Childline), Junior citizenship.
- Class & school Good News assemblies, letters to parents.
- Rules of church and God 10 commandments & the precepts of the Church.