

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# **British Values**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Learning Together**

**Loving God**

**Becoming the best I can**

From November 2014, all schools are required to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

### **British Values Statement**

The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. The DfE has recently reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values. These are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

At St.Peter's Catholic Primary School we are committed to serving our community and local area. In so doing, we reinforce British values regularly and in the following ways:

#### **Democracy:**

Democratic values are an explicit part of the ethos at St.Peter's. All adults listen to the views of the pupils and value their opinions. Pupils have further opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil Voice interviews led by subject leaders. The elections of School Council and House Captains are the result of pupil votes and all of these groups canvas the opinions of their peers.

#### **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of laws and rules are consistently reinforced in the classroom, as well as through school assemblies. Pupils are taught to understand the need for laws – that they are there for individual protection, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Pupils follow a positive behaviour policy and clearly understand the rewards and sanctions that are used. Assemblies and discussions in class focus on recognising right from wrong and visits from the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce these messages.

#### **Individual Liberty:**

Pupils are encouraged to be independent learners, constantly making choices, within a safe and supportive environment. Developing their self-esteem and self-confidence is very important. Pupils are encouraged to understand their personal freedoms and are taught how to use these rights to best effect. All pupils are keen to support charities, whether local, national or global. They are taught consideration for others through our Religious Education curriculum and PSHE lessons in particular. Online safety teaching enables them to make choices in a safe manner.

#### **Mutual Respect:**

Our school's ethos and behaviour policy are based on Gospel values. Assemblies constantly promote respect for others and the importance of good manners. All

pupils are taught the importance of self-respect, honest and open communication with others and fair play. Pupils work collaboratively and value others' opinions.

**Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

As a Catholic worshipping community, pupils are reminded of their place in a culturally diverse society. This is achieved through our Religious Education curriculum and the spiritual life of the school. The RE curriculum specifically teaches pupils about other world religions. Assemblies and class work promote the diversity of society and the right for each person to be respected and valued equally regardless of ability, gender, faith, heritage or race. Members of different faiths or religions are always welcome in our school community.