



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

Approved Promoting British Values

Our Mission Statement :

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' (John 13:33-34)

Agreed by Governors on 26th January 2022

Signed :  Chair of Governors

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Safeguarding Statement:

'Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of all children and expects all staff , parents and volunteers to share this commitment.'

Our School Vision

As a Catholic school that puts Christ at the centre, we are committed to developing independent, successful and confident children who have high aspirations, who gain a sense of achievement and leave our school with a wealth of happy memories.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and we value the equality of all, reject discrimination of any kind, and welcome the diversity of different cultures.

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy the need for schools "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools 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."

These values have been reiterated in the DfE document 'Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools (November 2014) which states :

Fundamental British values

Schools should 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.

This can help schools to demonstrate how they are meeting the requirements of section 78 of the Education Act 2002, in their provision of SMSC.

Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to fundamental British values. Attempts to promote systems that undermine fundamental British values would be completely at odds with schools' duty to provide SMSC. The Teachers' Standards expect teachers to uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school. This includes not undermining fundamental British values.

At Our Lady of the Assumption these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

All children vote for their class representatives who sit on the Pupil Parliament. The Pupil Parliament meets under the direction of a teacher and the Chair and Vice Chair then discuss issues raised by their class, members of staff or ongoing issues or changes in the schools. The Pupil Parliament has access to the budget and is able to effect change within the school. Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school. Issues relating to democracy are taught within class, where teachers deem it necessary, as part of the PSHE curriculum.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Our Lady's. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school, these include our three School Rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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 help reinforce this message. Children in year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to apply for a PSCO role, which is supported by local PSCOs.

Individual Liberty

At Our Lady's, pupils are actively encouraged to make right choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety, PSHE lessons and The Life to the Full programme (RHE).

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values and school ethos. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reinforced through assemblies, RHE, class circle time, collective worship and staff leading by example. One of our School Rules reads: *Be respectful*.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our Lady's we promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and RHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. We hold an annual Multi-Cultural Week celebrating the diversity within the school community.

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