



# **ST.THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **British Values Policy**

### **Mission Statement**

We are a Roman Catholic Community committed to:

- Mutual respect, positive encouragement and participation.
- Recognising the different personal and educational needs of all pupils.
- The delivery of the full national curriculum together with a religious education syllabus approved by the Catholic Church.
- The highest standards of teaching, learning and performance.
- Maintaining a supportive partnership with parents, the parish, and the wider community.
- The professional development of all staff.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School is committed to helping pupils develop their understanding of, and respect for, people of all faiths and cultures. We aim to educate our pupils in every way, enabling them to take their place in modern Britain. We actively promote the following fundamental British Values:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect
- Individual Liberty
- Acceptance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

### **Democracy**

The value of democracy is embedded within the school. Pupils have opportunities to have their voices heard through pupil conferencing, pupil questionnaires, class discussions and our School Council. School Council representatives are elected each year based solely on pupil votes. These representatives provide a voice for the children in their class and meet with their fellow representatives monthly.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of law and rules are reinforced consistently throughout each day. Each class has a set of class rules which the children assist in creating. Pupils understand that they must

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abide by these rules and that they are integral to their safety. All pupils understand that there are consequences for breaking rules and are aware of the sanctions. These are structured clearly in our school's Behaviour Policy. Assemblies ensure to embed the value of law and are regularly delivered with a focus on the law e.g. E-Safety.

## **Mutual Respect**

Respect for others is embedded in our school's Mission Statement. We are an inclusive school and believe that each child has the right to learn and to feel safe. Pupils are exposed to different life experiences through assemblies and visitors to the school.

## **Individual Liberty**

Within school, all pupils are actively encouraged to make choices knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils have key roles and responsibilities in school such as; Young Leaders, Class Monitors, Librarians and School Council Representatives. We seek to provide opportunities for pupils to become resilient with the knowledge and confidence to stand by their own beliefs, whilst also respecting others.

## **Acceptance of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

Our Religious Curriculum, 'Come and See' provides opportunity to learn about other religions. In addition to deepening our Catholic faith, the children learn about the faith of others. Visits to other faiths' places of worship are planned in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. We have staff and visitors from other countries and faiths who share their language and culture with our pupils.

This policy was reviewed and shared with staff on 17 January 2018.