



*In the Light of Jesus
we Learn to Shine*

Promoting British Values

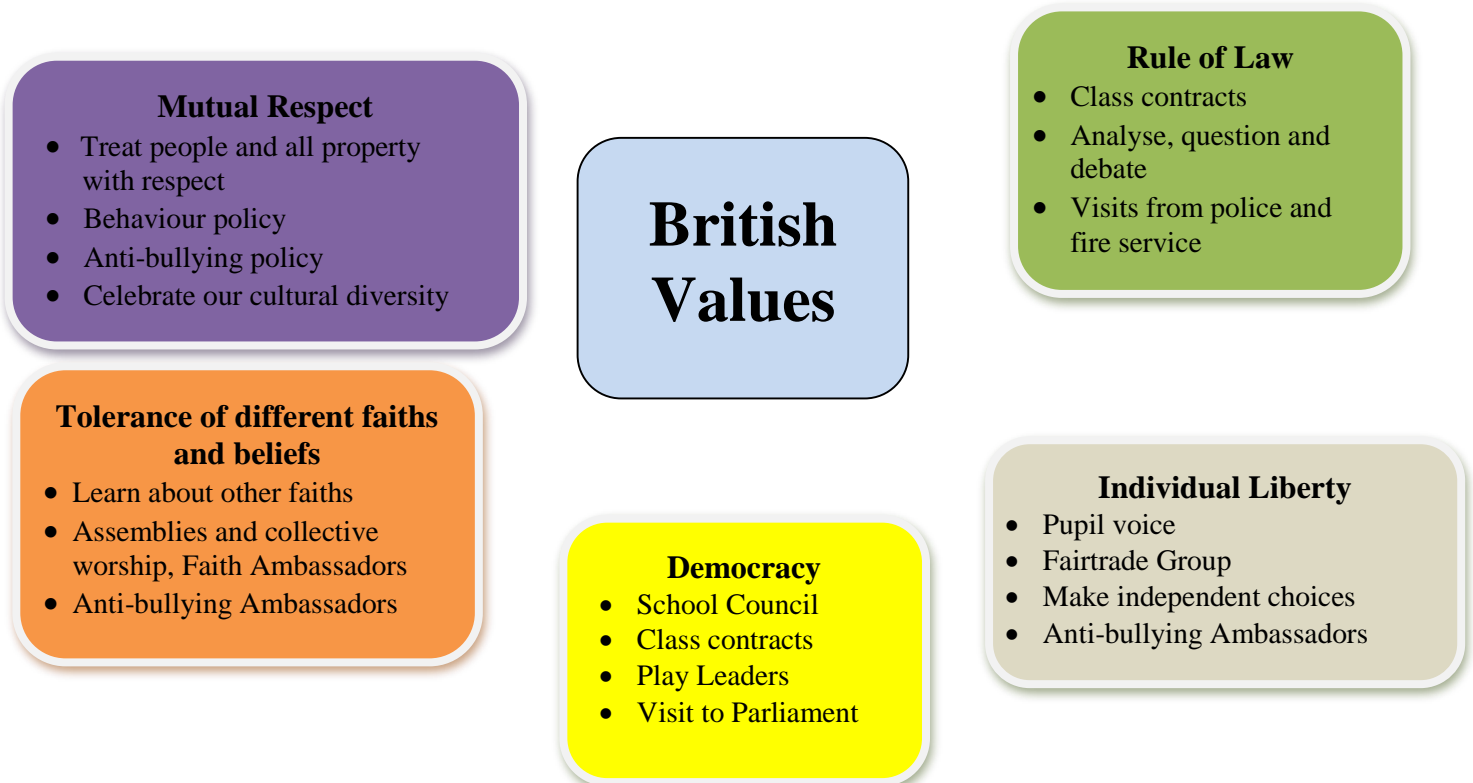
The DfE has reinforced the need *'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'*

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we actively promote the school values and strive to explicitly live out the Catholic ethos and mission of our school. We are confident that the Gospel Values give our pupils the necessary awareness of what it means to be a good citizen in Britain today, and embed in them the building blocks for a successful and productive life.

Through our Curriculum we are able to make real life links between the values of our pupils and the lives of others in their community, country and the world. We teach about democracy, responsibility, rules and laws, equality, values, environmental awareness and a respect and tolerance of other faiths.

Behaviours which are contrary to these British values are actively challenged, whether they come from children, parents or staff. Such instances are extremely rare in school and we are proud of our positive reputation within the local community.

The DfE set out its definition of British Values in the **'Prevent Strategy'** as follows:



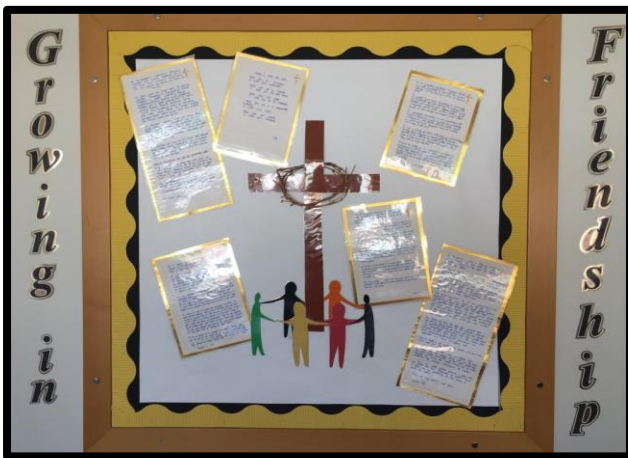
Democracy:

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we have a number of pupil led groups, elected each year. We have a School Council, Faith Ambassadors, Fairtrade group, Anti-bullying Ambassadors and Reading Council. These groups meet regularly to share ideas and make decisions for the good of the school, local community and wider world. At the start of each academic year the children decide on their own class contracts or set of rules, which they all agree to abide by.

Faith Ambassadors & Living our Mission



The school's mission statement has been decided upon in a democratic manner, with input from all stakeholders. This is revisited at different points in the year to remind the children that they have an important part to play in the democratic process of decision making:



School Projects



The Rule of Law:

The importance of rules, in particular those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced. These rules, along with our behaviour policy and rewards and sanctions, remind us every day of the class contracts we have agreed and signed in order to maintain a fair and safe environment for everyone in school. The children are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and there are discussions regarding the consequences when laws are broken. Wherever possible visits from authorities such as the police and fire service are encouraged to help to reinforce this message.



School Visitors to Support the Curriculum



During PE lessons and sports competitions where the children represent St Joseph's, we highlight the importance of rules and fair play; which enables the children to understand the need for rules, as well as the importance of exercise as a healthy activity.

Class Contracts and School Sports



Individual Liberty:

In school all pupils are actively encouraged to make good choices, knowing that they are in a safe and secure environment. We have a positive behaviour policy, which enables them to know and understand how to make appropriate and safe decisions. Online Safety and Anti-Bullying are continually promoted and extra-curricular activities are offered to all pupils who wish to take part.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Mutual Respect:

In line with our Catholic ethos pupils are taught and know how to show respect to everyone, no matter what our differences might be. This mutual respect is demonstrated, by all members of the school community, by showing good manners and fostering positive and professional relationships. 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 courtesy and respect and this underpins all teaching, learning and relationships in our school. The children also take responsibility for their environment and are actively involved in making decisions on how to improve the learning environment.

Positive Relationships



Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs:

St Joseph's is a culturally diverse school with an inclusive ethos. We celebrate our diversity and multiculturalism through different aspects of our curriculum. Whole school assemblies, Collective Worship and the RE 'Come and See' curriculum help us to develop a deeper understanding of other faiths, for example, Judaism and Islam. In school we learn about and celebrate different celebrations and religious festivals, for example, Diwali, Eid and Yom Kipur. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences to enhance the children's learning; visits to different places of worship are also encouraged.



RE Curriculum and Displays of Pupils' Work

