



## Catholic Values and 'British Values'

St Johns is a Catholic school which seeks to live out the values of Jesus Christ. We promote these values by our words and deeds, Catholic doctrine and practice which permeates every aspect of the school's life. We provide a Catholic curriculum, which is broad and balanced, recognising that every pupil is unique and created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Our curriculum is designed to enable every pupil to discern their vocation and to be well- equipped to become active citizens in service to the world. Catholic Religious Education is the "core of the core curriculum" (Pope St John Paul II) and the foundation of the entire educational process. We also provide a wide range of extra- curricular activities and strong pastoral support. We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected.

Religious Education enables pupils to think for themselves about British values. The subject offers opportunities to build an accurate knowledge base about religions and beliefs in relation to values. This in turn supports children and young people so that they are able to move beyond attitudes of tolerance towards increasing respect, so that they can celebrate diversity.

### DEMOCRACY

- Having a school council and Fairtrade Steering Committee
- Exploring democratic principles in Education for Personal Relationships (EPR)
- Pupils voting for Pupil Voice representatives , House Captains
- Inviting speakers into school CAFOD, Mission Together

### THE RULE OF LAW

- School and class rules
- Prefects helping to support the school behaviour policy
- Visits from the Police Liaison officer to support work in EPR relating to Drugs Education , Cyber Bullying
- The Ten Commandments and how Christian values have influenced the Rule of Law in Britain and across the world.

### INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

- Developing Independence by giving children ownership of their learning and real responsibility for their classroom and school environment
- Providing children with the opportunities to reflect on and celebrate their talents
- Supporting Fairtrade. Mission Together and CAFOD and Klmilili Trust

## **MUTUAL RESPECT**

- The School Mission Statement which celebrates the sacredness of each individual is inclusive. All policies in the school are based on its precepts
- Respect for each other is constantly promoted through Religious Education , Prayer and Worship and the Catholic Life of the school
- Anti-Bullying and Cyberbullying are explored each year in EPR
- The school supports charitable works and the common good through fundraising for Mission Together, CAFOD and Fairtrade

## **TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS**

- Religious Education provides pupils with a deep understanding of their own faith as well as awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities as a basis for understanding and respecting them
- In Other Faiths Weeks, each year, pupils learn about Judaism and Islam
- In the stories of Jesus such as The Good Samaritan and The Women at the Well he encouraged tolerance.