



ST OSWALD'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

British Values Statement

Promoting British Values at St Oswald's CE VA Primary School

At St Oswald's CE VA Primary School we ensure that all young people leave school prepared for life in Modern Day Britain. We have a duty to ensure that we actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect. These are embedded through our ethos and values and everyday teaching and learning.

Democracy

Children have the opportunity to understand how as pupils they can influence decision-making through a democratic process. This is promoted through class charters, our behaviour policy, School Council, Christian Council and pupil voice. Through the curriculum children have the opportunity to learn about the British Government and how democracy and the law works through accessing UK Parliament workshops.

The Rule of Law

At St Oswald's pupils are encouraged to have an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects them as citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety. This is reflected in our behaviour policy at St Oswald's.

Individual Liberty

At St Oswald's CE VA Primary School, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young 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 digital literacy, PSHE and RSE Curriculum.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others and that rights carry with them responsibilities. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

At St Oswald's CE VA Primary School we actively promote diversity through our curriculum and celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, collective worship and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others, members of different faiths and religions are invited into school to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship which are prominent in a range of faiths.

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