



## Promoting British Values at St Bartholomew's

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St Bartholomew's Primary School promote and uphold the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance as well as Christian values including faith, love, forgiveness, responsibility, service, trust and unity.

At St Bartholomew's British values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

- **Democracy:**
- Democracy is widespread within the school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and our 'Spotlight' on pupils. The elections of Head Girl and Boy, and House Captains, are based on pupil votes. Our school behaviour policy involves rewards which the pupils vote on as a class group.
- **The Rule of Law:**
- The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class and the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour through the school behaviour code and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind 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 are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.
- **Individual Liberty:**
- Within 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 choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and 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 E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of challenge, of how they record, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.
- **Mutual Respect:**
- Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions, assemblies and collective worship related to what this means and how it is shown. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.



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- **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**
- St Bartholomew's is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse. We therefore place a great emphasis on promoting diversity. Pupils are given opportunities to experience diversity, including by giving them opportunities to visit places of worship that are important to different faiths, by encouraging members of different faiths to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school, and by celebrating different religious festivals at appropriate times in the year. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. In RE, lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. The school actively promotes diversity through celebration of different cultures in its high-profile 'Class Country' topics that run across the school throughout the year, looking at how different cultures live throughout the World.

At St Bartholomew's we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views.