

British Values Statement

At St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School we are committed to developing the full potential of every individual. **Our mission is based on Gospel Values as presented in the Beatitudes. We see the world and all persons within it as deserving of love and respect, in keeping with the precepts of the Catholic Faith – that God created all.**

All policies and practices adopted by the school conform to this mission and comply with DfE guidance which states that, 'It is not necessary for schools or individuals to 'promote' teachings, beliefs or opinions that conflict with their own but nor is it acceptable for schools to promote discrimination against people or groups on the basis of their belief, opinion or background. (Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools (DFE 2014)).

We have taken into account the non-statutory advice on British values from the Department of Education (November 2014), the Prevent Strategy, the Teachers Standards, and the Equality Act 2010 Advice for Schools.

Our Catholic Christian ethos pervades daily experiences and we value and respect cultural diversity and all humanity; in RE and PSICHE we emphasise that every person is unique and 'created in the image of God' and therefore deserves our love and respect. In addition to a strong curriculum focus, we have a clear behaviour policy, founded on the principles of positive encouragement and reward for good behaviour. We are vigilant for and challenge any discriminatory, biased, racist or sexist language or behaviour. We expect all staff and visitors to the school to act as exemplary role models for our pupils. **Our records show that racist or discriminatory incidents are rare in our school and we continue to proactively work to prevent and combat these. At St Patrick's we believe we prepare our children well for life in Modern Britain.**

The Government Prevent Strategy Document 2011 requires that 'Schools should 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'. The recommendation is that this should form an integral part of the Statutory SMSC provision. For further detailed information on where and how the fundamental British values are taught and supported at St Patrick's, please see both the SMSC Curriculum Document and the RE Curriculum Document – available on this website.

**The School Motto,
'LOVE, LEARN, RESPECT'
fully summarises the values we promote at St Patrick's.**