



ST JAMES' CE JUNIOR SCHOOL BRITISH VALUE STATEMENT

The Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values more actively from September 2014, and to ensure they are taught in schools.

At St James' Ce Junior School we want to promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs. These also reflect and support our school ethos of Care, Share and Respect.

At St James' CE Junior School we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain to ensure children become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.

We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts. Our cross curricular approach provides excellent opportunities to deepen and develop understanding developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of our children.

The school makes considerable efforts to ensure children have exposure to a wide experience beyond their local community during which these concepts are shown, through for example, sporting events, a range of visits and use of outdoor education centres. Their strong rooted values-based understanding gives them an excellent platform for embracing difference.

At St James' Junior School, we value the voice of the child and promote democratic processes such as our school council whose members are voted for by the children through a democratic process. Ideas and events are planned and discussed with a chance for debate and putting forward points of view.

Children are given responsibility throughout school to lead other children in games and activities so that they are fully involved in all aspects of school life. For instance, our older children are play leaders and help to promote our core values. In addition to this we elect head boy/girl and house captains to take on additional organisational skills and set a high expectation of behaviour for others to follow. However, we expect all our children to be good role models for each other.

CARE SHARE RESPECT