

British Values at Our Lady's School.

At Our Lady's, we promote a set of 'values' rooted in our faith, which we believe will support the children to develop and demonstrate the skills and attitudes that will enable them to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, leading to being able to contribute fully to modern life. The values guide our behaviour, helping us to make the right choices. They enable us to live and work happily together.

Our values fulfil requirements for the British values highlighted in the Ofsted inspection framework (Sept. 2014), namely:

democracy

the rule of law

individual liberty

mutual tolerance and respect of those with different faiths and beliefs.

As a school, we value and celebrate the diverse heritage of everybody at Our Lady's. Alongside this, we value and celebrate being part of Britain. In general terms, this means that we celebrate traditions, such as customs in the course of the year; for example, Harvest festival during the Autumn term.

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Individual Liberty

Encouraging children to be independent in their learning;

Providing children with opportunities for reflection.

Offering choices for extra-curricular clubs.

The Rule of Law

Each class establishing rules, responsibilities and rewards.

Having a clear behaviour policy that is explained to all.

Highlighting the rules of the Church and God in the RE curriculum.

Psalm 133 1

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live
together in unity!*

Democracy

School council;

Allowing pupils to vote in a range of situations linked to school life, e.g. selecting a charity they wish to support;

Ensuring all pupils are listened to by adults;

Voting for termly 'Class meal'

Involving pupils in the running of the school through head boy/girl, house captaincy, eco-team and librarians.

Mutual respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Constantly promoting respect for others

Reinforcing the value of everyone's opinions in class discussions;

Having an effective anti-bullying policy;

Supporting charitable works.

Attending the Multi-Cultural Fayre at Pilton Community College.

Highlighting how 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;

Studying the culture and history of other countries through topic work and special days.