

# St John Bosco British values statement



Our school is committed to actively promoting British values to ensure that our pupils leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

The government emphasises that all schools should ensure that they teach pupils about British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

We take every opportunity to promote these values, and to ensure our pupils:

- Understand the democratic process and how citizens can have a say in decision making.
- Recognise the advantages of living under the rule of law and how law is essential for a safe society.
- Understand that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary and why it exists.
- Understand that the freedom to hold varying faiths and beliefs, including no religious faith, is protected in law, and that it is vital to accept people who have different faiths and beliefs without discriminating against them in any way.
- Value the importance of identifying and combatting extremism.

We promote British values both within and beyond the classroom and these values are at the heart of our ethos. Here are just some of the ways our school seeks to embed the teaching of British values.

Democracy
<p>St John Bosco is proud to support children understand and live out democracy in daily school life.</p> <p>At the start of the school year, pupils have a democratic vote in voting for roles and responsibilities. Throughout the day, pupils are asked to make choices in deciding on aspects of the curriculum and what and how they learn.</p> <p>We invite local councillors and MPs into school to explain how democracy works within the community and at a national level.</p>
The rule of law
<p>At St John Bosco pupils were able to support the creation of the 'St John Bosco Way' where rules were established in order to ensure school is a safe environment where all pupils and adults work together consistently to follow and establish rules and boundaries.</p> <p>Pupils hold roles and responsibilities so that they have a voice and are able to implement their ideas to support each other.</p> <p>At the start of each school year, classes set their own rules and expectations for the class so that they have a calm and effective learning environment.</p>

### Individual liberty

Through Pupil Council, pupils are able to have a say in what they would like to see in school. They bring new ideas to the school; they have choices in their school day; they are able to be effective citizens within school.

Every pupil has a role or responsibility so together they are forming and shaping the running of the school day. They make rules and ensure that all pupils are supporting their vision for St John Bosco, Year 6 prefects take on additional responsibilities to ensure that all visitors are welcomed to school and are also aware of the vision of St John Bosco.

### Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Pupils are taught respect and tolerance in all areas of the school day and curriculum. We welcome visitors of other faiths and beliefs to talk to pupils about their beliefs so that we have well-informed and socially aware pupils who can leave St John Bosco with a good understanding of how to be a good citizen.

Pupils experience visits to places of different faiths and beliefs. At the end of the visits, a showcase assembly is held to inform whole school of their new learning.

Through RSE, pupils are taught the awareness of how to keep safe in school, online, within the community and radicalisation and how to keep themselves. They have a number of adults within school where they can share their concerns and report their concerns.