



Promoting British Values at Eccleston St. Mary's CE Primary School

The Department for Education names the British Values as:

- Democracy.
- The rule of law.
- Individual liberty.
- Mutual respect.
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

All of the values are reinforced constantly but, in addition, we focus on a separate British Value each half-term which runs alongside our Christian Value for that half-term. (See separate yearly overview.)

Democracy

At Eccleston St. Mary's, children are always listened to by adults and we encourage children always to listen to each others' points of view and value all opinions, even if they differ from their own.

Our pupils learn about the democratic process as we hold elections each year not only for our School Council but our Eco-Council too. Mr Whittaker, our local councillor, comes in to school on Election Day to explain the voting process and the rationale behind it, to all pupils. Pupils know that they can put forward their views through the School Council and Council meetings are held on a regular basis, overseen by Mrs Scard.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws and rules is constantly reinforced at Eccleston St. Mary's. Our own school rules are revisited regularly through daily worship, assemblies, PSHE lessons and Circle Time.

Each class is involved every year in establishing their own class rules by which they can be held to account and of which they are reminded, as appropriate.

Our pupils are taught the values of laws and that they govern and protect us. They are taught that laws bring responsibility and they learn that there are consequences when laws are broken.

Details about our own school rewards and sanctions are available in our Behaviour Policy.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We encourage children to think independently and reflect on their choices.

Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our PSHE and online safety lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual and Self-Respect are deeply embedded in all that we do at school. The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have. Our children also value the importance of respecting God's world and everything in it.

Adults in school model mutual respect in their conversations and actions towards the children and towards one another.

Tolerance of those of Different Faith and Beliefs

Our core value of respect promotes tolerance of and respect for the differing beliefs and faiths of others. These beliefs and faiths are further explored and

celebrated through our RE lessons following the Blackburn Diocese Scheme of Work; through PSHE lessons and through themed weeks.

Our English curriculum includes texts from a range of cultures to further raise children's awareness of different cultures, faiths and beliefs.

At Eccleston St. Mary's CE Primary School we actively seek opportunities to enhance pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.