**British Values - Gospel Values**

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values as directed under new Ofsted guidance, September 2014

***‘ ensure that they and the school promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), cultures and lifestyles; and support and help, through their words, actions and influence within the school and more widely in the community, to prepare children and young people positively for life in modern Britain’***

We value the importance of and support the current Ofsted guidance. As educators we recognise we have a duty to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe.

The British values are:-

* Democracy
* The Rule of Law
* Individual Liberty
* Mutual Respect
* Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

 As a Catholic School we actively promote values, virtues and ethics that shape our pupils' character and moral perspective, through the teachings of the Church. We follow the example of the Good Samaritan where we are called to love and care for our neighbour. We ensure that through our school vision, ethos, agreed rules, curriculum and teaching we promote respect and tolerance for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles.

 In so doing we reinforce British values regularly and in the following ways:

 Our School Mission Statement which outlines our commitment to a community rooted in love, tolerance, respect and celebration of differences.

* Assemblies and collective worship where we teach respect for all, right and wrong, tolerance and differences and respecting and following the law.
* RE lessons which teach the children about other faiths as well as their own.
* A range of curriculum topics which have strong links to British History and reflect modern British culture
* Our Buddy system for Year 5 and Reception pupils
* Visits from authorities such as the police, fire service, ambulance service etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce the rule of law.
* Our School Council and a democratic system of voting and providing a "voice" for all pupils.
* Theme weeks i.e. Remembrance, Internet Safety.
* Pupils are keen to support charities, whether local, national or global i.e. Vincent House Food Bank, Cafod, and the Philippines Disaster.
* An understanding of the rule of law is developed through  class discussions around the rights and responsibilities of the pupils
* Our School Code of Conduct.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Sacred Heart R C Primary School seeks to promote,*

*in partnership with Parents and the Church,*

*the spiritual, moral, social, physical*

*and academic development of the pupils*

*in a caring Christian community*

*in which the beliefs and values*

*of the Catholic Church*

*are taught, understood and practised.*

# Our School Mission

*“Love one another as I have loved you”*

*The mission of our school is to be a Christ-centred community in which joys and sorrows are recognised and shared as an expression of God’s love. We ensure staff and pupils feel loved and valued and that their full potential is realised within a secure, stimulating and happy environment.*

***Aims of the School***

*Our aims underpin every aspect of school life. To help achieve these aims our school offers a happy, safe and welcoming atmosphere.*

*We are a community of believers aiming to provide for the children in our care an excellence of education, rooted in and sustained by our shared commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

*Children are encouraged to learn through first hand experiences in a stimulating environment. Staff development is a high priority at Sacred Heart, and the school boasts a professional team with considerable expertise.*

*Our school aims to prepare children for living and learning responsibly in society and provide the highest standards of Catholic education by:*

* *Recognising that all children are at different stages in their faith journey and their individual needs.*
* *Developing an awareness of the love of God through regular prayer and worship.*
* *Enabling each child to progress towards the realisation of their full potential, regardless of their background, and we acknowledge each person to be equal in the eyes of God and therefore worthy of respect.*
* *We say sorry, support and forgive each other just as Jesus showed us.*
* *Recognise that parents are the first educators and encouraging a three-fold partnership between home, school and parish.*
* *Monitoring our performance to maintain and promote high standards.*
* *To foster understanding of and participation in the worldwide global community.*
* *To recognise and share the joys and sorrows of daily life as an expression of God’s love.*

 *Children’s aims*

* *We aim to be friends with everyone in our school*
* *We want to love one another*
* *We will always help each other*
* *We will never leave anyone out*
* *We will never give up*