

British Values... Gospel Values!

In 2013 the Department for Education said

“Keeping our children safe and ensuring schools prepare them for life in modern Britain could not be more important. This change is an important step towards ensuring we have a strong legal basis for intervening in those schools where this is an issue.”

“The vast majority of schools already promote British values. This is about making sure we have the tools we need to intervene if children are being let down.”

Schools are required to actively promote and not undermine “British Values”

The government has set out its definition of British Values as:

- *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 are confident that our continued focus on the *Gospel Values will give our pupils the necessary awareness of what it means to be a good citizen in Britain today, and embed in them the building blocks of a future successful and productive life.*

Following the example of Jesus and trusting God we share the Gospel Values (What Jesus said and what he told us to do)...

The Beatitudes inspire us to follow in the steps of Jesus

- † Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven
Values: ***Faithfulness & Integrity***
- † Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted
Values: ***Dignity & Compassion***
- † Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth
Values: ***Humility & Gentleness***
- † Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied
Values: ***Truth & Justice***
- † Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy
Values: ***Forgiveness & Mercy***
- † Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God
Values: ***Purity & Holiness***
- † Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God
Values: ***Tolerance & Peace***
- † Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way
Values: ***Service & Sacrifice***

Here are some examples for children...

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **SELF-CONTROL, PATIENCE, TOLERANCE and EMPATHY** by

- Speaking and acting calmly and kindly
- Listening carefully
- Participating prayerfully during liturgy, prayer and while celebrating Mass
- Playing games fairly
- Being patient with other people
- Being aware of the feelings and needs of others
- Making right choices
- Knowing how the decisions I make will affect those around me
- Taking responsibility for my wrong choices
- Forgiving ourselves and others for mistakes

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **UNITY, KINDNESS, COMPASSION, SERVICE and SACRIFICE** by

- Learning and playing with others peacefully, cooperatively and inclusively
- Working co-cooperatively with others, joining in and doing my part
- Using words of encouragement and kindness
- Including others, respecting all cultural traditions
- Being aware of others' needs and generously taking action to make a difference
- Joining in and celebrating faithfully and prayerfully
- Sharing my skills for the good of others/Volunteering
- Being willing to give away things
- Making a gift of your time for others
- Showing forgiveness to others
- Trying not to moan and complain about unimportant things

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **PERSEVERANCE, HOPE, COMMITMENT and EXCELLENCE** by

- Living and acting with faith, and trusting that things will turn out for the best
- Learning with hope, focusing my attention fully on my learning, and completing what I start
- Setting goals and working hard to reach them even when it is hard
- Continually striving to be the best I can be
- Being open to God's love and sharing it with others
- Helping others feel hope by supporting them
- Asking for help when I'm not sure
- Being willing to accept challenges in all aspects of my life
- Never settling for just doing my best...I will try even harder!
- Waiting to take my turn

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **ENTHUSIASM, HOPE, PASSION, CREATIVITY, and DETERMINATION** by

- Being joyful and excited about my learning
- Exploring the things I love so that I can share them with others
- Never giving up no matter how hard it gets
- Developing and extending my special God given gifts and talents, in creative ways
- Appreciating the creativity of others
- Being an excited follower and participant in our faith
- Having dreams about your future and aspiring to reach them!

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **RESPECT, EQUALITY, FORGIVENESS, HONESTY, CHARITY, JUSTICE and PEACE** by

- Treating others as I want to be treated
- Acting politely
- Always tell the truth even when it is hard to do so
- Standing up for what is right and just
- Being open, trustworthy, truthful and honest
- Asking for forgiveness and sincerely apologising
- Showing stewardship by caring for our environment
- Being a Peacemaker in everything I do
- Avoiding conflict by finding better resolutions
- Sharing my material things and my time with others
- Appreciating the things that make each of "in the image and likeness of God"
- Celebrating the differences between each other

I am following Jesus' example of LOVE when I show **HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, FAITHFULNESS AND INTEGRITY** by

- Recognise that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God
- Acknowledge my failings and need of God's help and forgiveness
- Apologise to others, accept advice, and receive compliments graciously.
- Be a good sport!
- Always be a team player
- Be committed to your friends, family and your faith
- Doing the right thing...even if no one sees you doing it!
- Showing care and kindness to everyone you meet
- Sharing your successes and being thankful to those who helped you get there

Through our school curriculum we are able to make real links between the values of our pupils and the lives of others in their community, country and the world in general.