



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School British Values Statement

Article 13 *Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.*

Article 14 *Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.*

Article 15 *Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.*

We are a Catholic school which seeks to live out the values of Jesus Christ. We promote these values by our words and actions; Gospel values permeate every aspect of our work. We provide a curriculum which is broad and balanced, recognising that every child is unique and created in the image of God.

We endeavour to ensure that every pupil is well-equipped to become active citizens in service to the world. We also provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities and strong pastoral support. We incorporate democratic principles, value the rule of law, support individual liberty and foster a community in which different faiths and beliefs are respected.

We do this by:

Democracy

- ✓ Having a School Council
- ✓ Incorporating debating as part of our curriculum
- ✓ Allowing pupils to vote for House Captains
- ✓ Ensuring all pupils are listened to by adults
- ✓ Recognising Parliament Week and welcoming local MPs into school

The Rule of Law

- ✓ Classes creating Class Rules
- ✓ Having a clear Positive Behaviour Policy that is explained to all
- ✓ Organising visits from the Police service to reinforce the message of right and wrong
- ✓ Highlighting the Ten Commandments and the teaching of the Church.

Individual Liberty

- ✓ Encouraging pupils to be independent in their learning
- ✓ Providing pupils with opportunities for reflection on responsibilities

Mutual Respect

- ✓ Having a Mission Statement which is inclusive
- ✓ Constantly promoting respect for one another as good manners
- ✓ Reinforcing the value of everyone's opinions in class
- ✓ Having an effective Anti-Bullying Policy
- ✓ Emphasising in RE and PSHE lessons that every person is unique and 'created in the image of God'
- ✓ Supporting charitable works
- ✓ Placing emphasis on understanding and upholding the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

- ✓ Our Religious Education provides pupils with a deep understanding of their own faith as



well as an awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities as a basis for understanding and respecting them.

- ✓ Celebrating the differences in cultures, families and individuals

