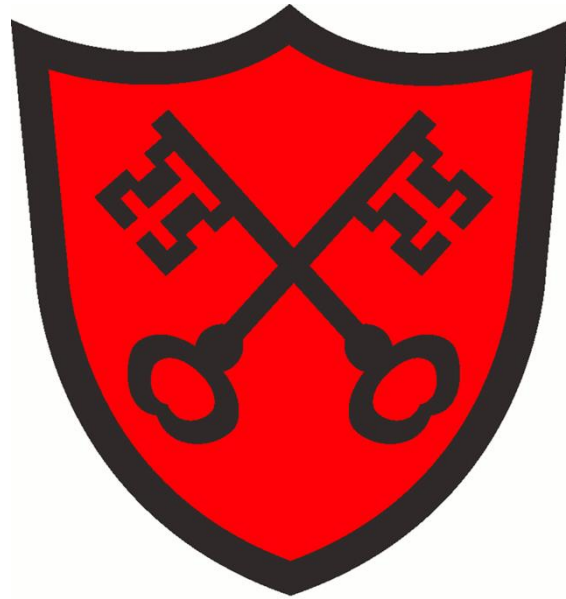


**St Alban's Catholic  
Primary School**



**Universal, Spiritual,  
Moral and Cultural  
Values**

**“British Values”**

As a Catholic school our ethos is to uphold the Christian values of the Gospel: Responsibility, Peace, Compassion, Generosity, Wisdom, Courage, Community, Hope, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Respect and Justice, British Values and values that should be followed and respected universally.. These values are embedded in all that we teach and are promoted in our school Code of Conduct and in all of our interactions with others in the school and the wider community.

The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 ‘Prevent’ strategy and the Department for Education has reinforced the need *‘to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values’*. Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to these values, which are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We fully recognise and embrace the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom and are committed to ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

St Alban’s has a clear Equality Policy which aims to prevent discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status or similar. St Alban’s also seeks to lay the foundations for our pupils’ future lives, beyond the formal curriculum, preparing them for the diverse society in which they will live and work. An understanding of British values is a critical part of this education.

We teach the importance of British Values within a framework of Catholic Christian Values. We promote these values by our words and deeds, and Catholic doctrine and practice therefore permeates every aspect of the school’s activity. We provide a Catholic curriculum, which is broad and balanced, recognising that every pupil is unique and is created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Our Catholic ethos, which includes explicit reference to Christian and British values, makes a tangible difference to the way we work together in school and with our wider communities.

The examples that follow show some of the ways in which St Alban’s seeks to embed British values.

## **Democracy**

There is a high expectation of behaviour in our school, and in order to meet the expectation, each class is asked to write their own Golden Rules of Behaviour at the beginning of the academic year. These rules are discussed and agreed by the whole school and then the recommended changes/additions to the Principles of Behaviour in the Full Governing Body’s Behaviour Policy are made at the first FGB meeting of the year.

All children have the right to vote in elections which are held for male and female school council representatives in each class. This fosters the concept of freedom of speech and group action to address need and concerns. Within their classes, pupils are able to vote to make choices brought to them by these representatives. Pupils are also able to make their views known via Pupil Questionnaires. Pupils explore the principle of democracy in age-appropriate assemblies, school council meetings and in the Home School Agreement.

## **The Rule of Law**

The school has a clear behaviour management policy and high expectations of standards of behaviour of both pupils and staff. There is a clear protocol as outlined in the Behaviour Policy which all children understand and adhere to. The rights and responsibilities of every pupil are emphasised through our class-

based behaviour codes, which are developed by the whole school. Our RE and PSHE curricula recognize and underline the importance of the ideas, feelings and needs of others. Assemblies emphasise that we are all equal under the law and that it is not only wrong, but illegal to discriminate against others on the basis of characteristics such as disability, gender, race or faith.. We aim to ensure that our pupils have the knowledge and confidence to withstand attempts to radicalise them by alerting them to the intolerance that is inherent in all extremist viewpoints.

## **Individual liberty**

Pupils at St Alban's are encouraged to know and understand their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, e.g. through our E-Safety policy, PSHE curriculum, circle times and assemblies. Pupils are encouraged to exercise their right to free speech by articulating their views to their School Council Representatives. This has built up a strong sense of trust, because pupils know that adults take their concerns seriously, that they will listen and, where necessary, take action.

We aim to ensure that pupils know their rights, but also that they are aware of the responsibilities that they entail. Teachers and other staff endeavour to set clear, consistent boundaries so that pupils can make informed choices in a safe, secure and supportive environment. St Alban's has clear Anti-bullying and Behaviour Management policy that is shared with every member of our community.

## **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our faith: We expect all members of the St Alban's community to treat each other with respect, consideration and integrity. Pupils learn through their interactions with staff and each other, in the curriculum and assemblies that their behaviour has an impact on others. They frequently work collaboratively and are encouraged to listen to and value the opinions of others. Pupils are encouraged to understand and reach out to communities who are less fortunate than themselves and each year raise significant amounts for charity, demonstrating their respect for those who live in very different circumstances to ours.

Mutual respect for each others' beliefs remains firmly rooted in our work as a cohesive catholic community in preparing our young people for life in the world and in Britain today. This is expressed through the idea that every individual is unique and made in the image of God and therefore greatly treasured and loved.

## **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

Although we are a faith school, we welcome pupils from other faiths or none. Our intake diverse which adds to the richness of our community. Tolerance is emphasised through our RE and PSHE curriculum and our assemblies programme. Pupils benefit from the opportunity of hearing about different communities and faith traditions in the UK and the world, and we encourage parents and others to share their culture and customs with the children. We encourage pupils to understand their place within a culturally diverse society and above all to ensure that they leave St Alban's with a set of values which will ensure they will contribute positively to society in the future.

## **Prevent Duty 2015**

St Alban's Catholic primary is fully aware of its responsibility under the Prevent Duty 2015. All members of staff have completed [online Prevent \(radicalisation/extremism\) Training exercise](#).

[Our Prevent policy](#)

The school recognises its responsibilities and protect children from extremism, fits within its duty of child protection and safeguarding

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Extremism can be identified as “holding of extreme opinions: holding of extreme political or religious views or the taking of extreme actions on the basis of those views”