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# Our Mission Statement

Together with the love of Jesus and our Gospel Values, we will embrace each child’s uniqueness and create a journey of love and enjoyment, where we support our families and children in being the best they can be!

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we will promote British Values during teaching and learning through the curriculum and during extracurricular activities. By doing so, we will ensure that all learners understand the values that have traditionally underpinned British society. The teaching of these values will promote cohesiveness within our school and community. We will prepare pupils for life in England where the population has an increasingly rich diversity of backgrounds, origins, beliefs and cultures by promoting the values on which our society has been built. By teaching pupils these values we will help all to become good citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

# Objectives

* Ensure that children develop an understanding of the values which underpin life in Britain.
* Teach pupils to have a mutual respect and tolerance for, and an understanding of the various faiths and beliefs represented in Britain today.
* Ensure that children learn to uphold the rule of law and support freedom, justice and equality.
* Help pupils understand and value the rich diversity that other citizens from different cultures, religions and backgrounds bring to our national society.
* Value people’s differences and respect them.
* Develop pupils’ awareness and tolerance of communities different to their own.
* Value democracy and to stand up for right against wrong.
* Care for the sick, the poor, the weak and the old and treat them as valued members of our society.
* Ensure that learners become loyal and patriotic citizens of the United Kingdom.

# Strategies

* The school will promote British values through its teaching, learning across the subjects of the curriculum to help all understand how the values have underpinned life in Britain throughout its history, geography, language, literature, sport and games, personal and social education and religions.
* At Holy Cross we will teach children about the growth and development of our parliamentary democracy and its key institutions including the constitutional monarchy.
* Learners will be taught about democracy and universal suffrage and the duty of citizens to participate in and contribute to life in Britain.
* Develop the skills of participation and responsible action necessary for living together in harmony as citizens of United Kingdom.
* Pupils will learn about the democratic structures of our national government and we will promote civic pride by helping them learn and understand about local government.
* Across the curriculum we will teach the importance of duty, loyalty and patriotism.

# Outcomes

Through our work and partnerships pupils will gain a good understanding of the values that underpin the privileges, rights, responsibilities and duties of citizenship. We will equip the pupils of Holy Cross with the knowledge, skills and understanding to make a positive contribution to the harmony of our local and national community. We will develop responsible young people who support and positively value community cohesion. This policy will make a key contribution to the

school’s positive ethos. The head teacher and Governing Body will assess the impact of this policy and monitor its operation.

It should be viewed in conjunction with the school’s other policies especially the R.E. Policy, PSHE Policy, Equality Policy and the Behaviour and Discipline Policy.