

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT ST LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St Leo's and Southmead School we aim to help, guide and prepare our children as future citizens. As our Mission Statement says, "A place to allow everyone to flourish." This statement permeates everything that we do in school and captures what British Values are about:- Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs. Our school's own history proves how committed we are to respecting each other and to those values.

Democracy

Democracy is a school value that the children learn, experience and live via:-

- The mission and vision of the school.
- What is taught throughout the whole curriculum.
- The School Council.
- The Pupil Management Group.
- The Prefect System.
- The Enriched curriculum e.g. Themed days, School performances, Trips.
- Pupil Voice.
- Pupil Questionnaires.
- The local community.
- The Parish community.
- The Southern Area Collaborative of schools.
- The Governing Body (children attend meetings)
- Parental/Carers meetings / questionnaires.

The Rule of Law

Our children understand from an early age that to enable "everyone to flourish" we must cooperate with each other and follow rules, systems and laws that protect us from harm or inequality. Our children and their families respond positively to the security of our school and its consistent approach to positive discipline; school

routines and information sharing. The school has an important role within the community and brings families together who have varied background circumstances. The children are taught to understand that for every choice we make there is a consequence “like a ripple in a pond” and that laws are in place to ensure that we make the right choices. In school we help the children to experience the Rule of Law via –

- The Mission Statement
- Classroom rules – formed by the children and staff.
- Prefect system
- Positive Lunch Time Programme
- Behaviour Policy
- Partnership with Parents.
- Partnership with Agencies.
- The School Council.
- Circle Time
- Religious, Spiritual and Moral Education.
- Debate
- After School Club.
- Learning Mentor support.
- School Assemblies – celebrating positive behaviour.
- Enriched involvement from The Local Council, Governors, Police, Fire Service, Community projects.

Individual Liberty

As our Mission Statement endorses our school is a “place to allow everyone to flourish”. In order to do this we teach the children to respect each other and to respect themselves. Positive self esteem is a priority of our school. We encourage and actively seek the views of the children and personalise timetables, support and time to suit individual needs. We want our children to be confident and be able to express their opinions. The children contribute to the continual School Improvement and are always encouraged to tell us about what they think! Children are encouraged to become independent learners and to express themselves whilst at the same time respecting others’ opinions. We do this via:-

- Whole School Assemblies
- Circle Time
- Drama
- Anti Bullying
- P.S.H.E. lessons

- Pupil Voice
- Safeguarding and E. Safety.

Mutual Respect

One of our objectives linked to Our Mission Statement is: “We will ensure that we treat each other with respect, honesty, forgiveness and humility. This will be lived in the way we work together and interact with each other daily.” We do this via:-

- Team building opportunities for the children.
- Class and school debates.
- Visits and trips outside of school.
- Group tasks/activities.
- Positive Behaviour.
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural curriculum.
- Opportunities grasped throughout the whole curriculum.
- Southern Area Collaborative opportunities.
- Sport opportunities.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our children are taught to understand their role within their own families; the school, the local and parish community; the country, Europe and the World! We help the children to learn about who, what and how these are “made up” and how living with; working with; sharing with; and looking after each other we can make the world a positive place for everyone.

Our children are taught that Britain is a culturally diverse country and we can all live, work and play together if we respect each others’ different views, customs and differences. We do this via:-

- Assemblies
- Geography
- School Trips
- Religious Education
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural curriculum
- Themed weeks/days
- Judaism Week
- Visitors to school
- Our own school History – two very different communities who have different beliefs coming together.

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MISSION STATEMENT

2017

“A place to allow everyone to flourish.”

In our school we want to celebrate God's gift of life together, by inspiring, enhancing and developing tomorrow's talent today! We respect all; aiming to achieve and live our values. “A place to allow everyone to flourish.”

Aims

Community

1. We will continue to serve the Parish community and the local community and provide a warm, welcoming, safe haven!

Education

2. We will provide a broad and balanced education that inspires and challenges our children to achieve their best, equipping them with life skills for the future.

Catholic Ethos

3. In our school, we will do our best to help each other to know how much God loves us and to show this in the way we live. To show this in the way that we 'live out' the Catholic Faith.

Objectives

Catholic Ethos

Aim

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Objectives

1. We will ensure that we treat each other with respect, honesty, forgiveness and humility. This will be lived in the way we work together and interact with each other daily.
2. We will use opportunities in school life to demonstrate God's love e.g. assemblies, celebrations, gatherings, play times, lesson times etc.
3. We will ensure that the curriculum demonstrates respect for each other at all times. The spiritual, moral and cultural awareness permeates throughout the school day.
4. We will give welcome packs to anyone new joining the school.
5. We will continue to celebrate positive behaviour and forgive negative behaviour.
6. We will have regular meetings with all staff and Governors.
7. We will develop a whole school approach to Circle Time to continue to develop positive self-esteem of all.

Education

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Objectives

1. We will develop each child holistically by providing opportunities to meet needs and develop all talents.
2. We will ensure that planning and teaching of the curriculum meets individual needs and abilities.
3. We will provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment.
4. We will observe, monitor, assess and evaluate teaching and learning.

5. We will continue to develop positive relationships between children and staff to ensure that each child is valued via experiences such as Circle Time and whole school pastoral care.
6. We will use the National Curriculum, Foundation Stage Curriculum and 'Come and See' as guidance for content.

Community

Aim

We will continue to serve the community and provide a warm, welcoming, safe haven!

Objectives

1. We will reach out to the community, grasping opportunities to develop positive relationships and continue the positive profile that the school has e.g. Projects with local shops; performing at local community projects, inviting community to school events.
2. We will continue our positive relationship with the Children's Centre both strategically and operational.
3. We will work in partnership with the Parish coming together to celebrate and support.
4. We will use the gifts and talents of the community to help children in our school.
5. We will continue to support fund raising in the local community and nationally, e.g. Good Shepherd, Willowbrook Hospice, Comic Relief, Sports Relief.
6. We will share information via newsletters, media, word of mouth, website, and parent mail about the school and community issues.

