

Mission statement

At St. Francis our mission is to

British Values

British Values....Gospel Values

“Keeping our children safe and ensuring schools prepare them for life in a 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.”

(Department of Education 2013)

Expectations

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

At St Francis 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 Catholic citizen in Britain today and embed in them the building blocks of a future life that is both successful and productive.

Through the Values and Virtues Catholic Profile, given by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we try to show that we are compassionate, loving, hopeful, faith-filled, learned, wise, prophetic, intentional, curious, active, truthful, eloquent, generous, grateful, discerning and attentive in our everyday lives.

Through our RE and PSHE 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.

Through our creative curriculum we teach about democracy, civic responsibility, rules and laws, the monarchy, equality, values and virtues, environmental awareness and the richness and diversity of God's wonderful world.