



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Promoting British Values: Preparing our children for life in Modern Britain.

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'And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.' (Luke 6:31)

'What we are called to respect in each person is first of all his life, his physical integrity, his dignity and the rights deriving from that dignity, his reputation, his property, his ethnic and cultural identity, his ideas and his political choices. We are therefore called to think, speak and write respectfully of the other, not only in his presence, but always and everywhere, avoiding unfair criticism or defamation.' (Pope Francis)





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The definition of British Values was set out by the government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and added to Ofsted inspection guidance in July 2014: "To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs." At St Gabriel's these values are regularly promoted through learning and teaching, a rounded programme of assemblies and a positive behaviour policy allowing pupils to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

Our School Mission Statement

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming school where:

- We pray together, care for each other and learn together
 - We feel safe and respected
 - We try to do our best
 - Everyone is treated fairly
 - We have fun with our friends

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Aims

We want to work with each and every family to allow every single child to make the most of their potential and achieve. Our mission statement sums up what we are about and what all our responsibilities are.

All of our work is based firmly on the Gospel Values and Virtues. These Values and Virtues underpin everything we do and impact on all aspects of school life. Within school we use the Gospel Virtues, sometimes referred to as the Jesuit Virtues, to support the children as they develop as members of our faith community. The Gospel Virtues are described as: loving, hopeful, attentive, learned, faith filled, generous, eloquent, intentional, compassionate, active, truthful, prophetic, curious, wise, grateful and discerning.

Gospel values "...are a guarantee of peace and of collaboration among all citizens in the shared commitment to serving the common good". Saint John Paul II (Angelus address, 2004)

British values have evolved from these and have been most recently defined by OFSTED under four headings:

- Democracy
- The Rule of law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those With Different Faiths and Beliefs.

Overview

British Value	How we promote it.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic	School and Class CouncilsCircle Time
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality, contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance, integrity, community and achievement.	 Class Debates – dealing with different viewpoints Behaviour Policy – resolving conflict positively and fairly. Citizenship – includes visits to Council House
British Value	How we promote it.
The Rule of Law Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	Behaviour Policy – Behaviour Ladders – promoting following of class rules.
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity,	 Learning about local history – Robert Peel and the
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity,	creation of the Police Force
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	 creation of the Police Force Ethos / Gospel Virtues – helping children to distinguish between right and wrong.

British Value	How we promote it.
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful	Who does God call me to be?Prayer Leaders.
School values: Honesty, humility, courage, freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination, curiosity, growth, spirituality.	 Behaviour Policies and Procedures put emphasis on children being responsible for their own actions. Pupil Voice – allows children to express their own views about school. Stereotypes are challenged throughout school.

British Value	How we promote it.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs	 Our link with Westminster Primary School, Birmingham.
Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate, attentive	 Different faiths are explored and valued. Members of our community who celebrate other faiths share their experiences.
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork, understanding, perseverance,	 RE programme of study includes work on different faiths.
determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family, spirituality, achievement, community, charity.	 Children and staff's family heritages are acknowledged and celebrated. Valuing and respecting every member of our community as unique.

Early Years

'You can help people when you are kind. You help people do things that they can't do. It's like being a superhero – that's kind. They save things and the world and people!' Sam, Early Years. (Mutual Respect)

British Value	How we promote it in Early Years.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: Discerning, eloquent,	 Children are taught through Jesus' example in the Bible how to love and show respect for others. Example- Gospel stories and the words and actions of Jesus.
intentional, prophetic	 Raise the children's awareness of children who help us. Learning interest and respect for different occupations and ways of life.
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality,	 To know that other children do not always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this.
contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance,	To know that some of the things that make them unique and
integrity, community and achievement.	can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.
	To know about similarities and differences between

themselves and others and among families, communities and traditions.
 To think independently and know their opinions are valued. E.g Class Council and in class.
 All children learn that they will be listened to by their peers, adults in school and adults in the wider community linked to school.
 Through speaking and listening groups and Big Talk children develop their speaking skills to help them to express their thoughts and ideas.
 If there is an injustice in class the children know they will be listened to, they will experience fairness as modelled by adults and older children in school.

British Value	How we promote it in Early Years.
The Rule of Law	 Children will learn that God calls individuals and communities to share life and show care for each other. That people love and care for each other in different ways.
Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	 Children develop an understanding of loving relationships and sharing by the example of Jesus and Bible stories and parables.

School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	 The children know the school routine, behaviour expectations and their role in this. Children understand the reasons for the rules as this is explained to them. If there is an incident, with the help of an adult, a child will reflect on their actions.
	 Through discussions about different occupations the children learn about the role of a police officer. They learn about "good" behaviour and how it benefits them. They talk about how they would be like to be treated.

British Value	How we promote it in Early Years.
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	 Children will learn that God calls individuals and communities to share life and show care for each other. That people love and care for each other in different ways. Within the Reception environment children observe positive role models and relationships.
	 They feel safe in a new school and then develop their self- confidence/esteem and view themselves in positive turns.

School values: Honesty, humility, courage, freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination, curiosity, growth, spirituality.

They welcome praise and value for what they have done. This maybe a verbal comment or a sticker or a stamper. A Behaviour Ladder is used. They are motivated to do their best through positive interaction with their peers and adults.

- Children learn through sharing with others what is fair/unfair.
 With adult support they learn to take turns.
- They learn to understand that their actions affect others and some words hurt other's feelings.
- Children that fail to inhibit their actions/behaviours learn how to behave appropriately from observing the other children, through interaction with adults and positive role models. Good behaviour at school is rewarded and this encourages them to make the right choice.
- Children learn there are consequences to their actions within school and at home.
- All children are treated equally, fairly and given the same opportunity to take part in activities and experiences.
- We have high/achievable expectations for all children.

British Value

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate, attentive

School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork, understanding, perseverance, determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family, spirituality, achievement, community, charity.

How we promote it in Early Years.

- Children learn that God gives freedom to everyone as a gift and that He has given each individual gifts and talents.
- Children will learn that God calls individuals and communities to share life and show care for each other. That people love and care for each other in different ways.
- All children are treated equally, fairly and given the same opportunity to take part in activities and experiences.
- To know that some of the things that make them unique and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.
- To know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, communities and traditions.
- They learn to understand that their actions affect others and some words hurt other's feelings. Children learn that by making the wrong choice there is a consequence.
- We learn about other faiths and cultures. We learn about Festivals of Light (Hannukah, Diwali, Easter.) We also learn about Chinese New Year, Eid and others cultures. We share stories from other cultures.

We embrace the cultures of the children within our class.
 Children are encouraged to reflect on our learning and their experiences at home and school.

Year One

'God wanted us all to be different because we are good in different ways.' Layla, Year One (Tolerance)

British Value	How we promote it in Year One.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality, contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance, integrity, community and achievement.	 Class council House points Library visit Geography~ UK countries/cities/London/Queen History~ Guy Fawkes/Parliament Circle Time~ We are a Listening school Conscience Alley/Hot seating (RE/Literacy) God gives us a choice and a voice. Modelling and encouraging expression of views throughout the curriculum Local Area work about Tamworth likes and dislikes/Safety on the roads Behaviour Policy

British Value

How we promote it in Year One.

The Rule of Law

	School Mission Statement
Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	School policesBehaviour policy
	 Circle time/Gospel values/Forgiveness unit in RE/Lent/Mass
	 Stealing/Attendance at school/Litter/Safety around school/Bullying
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution,	
responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	
British Value	How we promote it in Year One.
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freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination,	appearance at school
curiosity, growth, spirituality.	 All children having a positive contribution in all learning Anti bullying Week, discussing bullying, behaviour policy

British Value	How we promote it in Year One.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of	
those with Different Faiths and	 RE work~Unit B~Celebrations Topic Ourselves in Science/Portraits in Art
Beliefs	 Hanukkah(Jewish Faith) Stories from other cultures~Handa Behaviour policy
Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate,	Visit church
attentive	 Talk about the synagogue in Multifaith Week Visit Sacred Heart Church/ Mass /Parish Mass Thinking skills~Advent/Lent Promises Different faiths/cultures in school
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork,	 Reading stories with positive pictures of different family groups etc.
understanding, perseverance, determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family, spirituality, achievement, community, charity.	

Year Two

'We have rules to keep us safe.' Max, Year Two (Rule of Law)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Two.
Democracy	
Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent,	School council
intentional, prophetic	House Points
	Library visit
	Circle Time
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality,	Conscience Alley / Hot Seating
contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance,	Local area work about Tamworth – Geography
integrity, community and achievement.	Tamworth Castle Visit - History

British Value	How we promote it in Year Two.
The Rule of Law	
	Mission statement

Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	 Class rules Reward and sanction –,Golden time ,star of the day, house points achievement certificates, behaviour ladders. Circle Time Forgiveness – taught through RE / PSHE
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	

British Value	How we promote it in Year Two.
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	Class monitors for jobsCircle time
School values: Honesty, humility, courage, freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination, curiosity, growth, spirituality.	 Anti-bullying policy in place, and children know there are consequences. Anti – Bullying Week. Prayer Leader of the Week.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Two.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate, attentive	 Mission statement Gospel Virtues Wednesday word Beatitudes Celebration of other faiths – Diwali Day.
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork, understanding, perseverance, determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family, spirituality, achievement, community, charity.	

Year Three

'God made us all different so he wants us to be different and to be ourselves.'

Oliver, Year Three. (Individual Liberty)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Three.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic	 Encourage pupils to become involved in decision-making process and ensure they are listened to in school – school council, pupil questionnaire's, – electing for school council, awareness of real-life political debates (use of expresso) Help pupils to express their views – school council,
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality, contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance, integrity, community and achievement.	 Model how perceived injustice can be peacefully challenged – dealing with daily conflict in the playground/classroom and through RE lessons

Value.

How we promote it in Year Three.

The Rule of Law

	 Ensure school rules and expectations are clear and fair – 	
Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	everyday behaviour management, class and school rules, year group expectations	
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	 Help pupils to distinguish between right and wrong – leading by example, RE, Gospel Values Help pupils to respect the law and the basis on which it is made – to enhance their understanding of the value of rules, understanding the school mission statement and how it relates to the wider community 	
British Value	How we promote it in Year Three.	
Individual Liberty	Support pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-	
Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	esteem and self-confidence – Gospel values, school mission statement ('everyone is important')	
	 Encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour, as well as knowing their rights – rewards and sanction 	

School values: Honesty, humility, courage,
freedom, teamwork, perseverance,
determination, curiosity, growth, spirituality.

system,	establishing	expectations
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 Implement a strong anti-bullying culture – school policy, establishing with children a safe environment that fears can be expressed (we are a telling school)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Three.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of	
those with Different Faiths and	 Promote respect for individual differences – Gospel Value of God loves us all, tolerance and respect
Beliefs	 Help pupils to acquire and understanding of and respect for their own and other cultures and ways of life – RE –
Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate,	multi-faith teaching
attentive	 Organise visits to place of worship – regular attendance to parish church, good shepherd appeal and St Chad's visits
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance,	Develop critical personal thinking skills - throughout the
communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork,	school curriculum
understanding, perseverance, determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family,	 Discuss differences between, people, such as differences of faith, ethnicity, disability(taking into account individual
spirituality, achievement, community, charity.	family situations) – RE, daily Gospel values, art, circle time

Year Four

'We are all God's children so it is not fair to be nasty to other people.' Cameron, Year Four. (Tolerance)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Four.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic	 Vote for school councillors within the class. School councillors voting about issues within school. Nominating monitor roles within the class. Debate during RE (Holy Week) giving different perspectives on Jesus' guilt/innocence during his trial. Pupils encouraged to express their views, when appropriate, within all lessons. Mentoring children on how to resolve disputes with each
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality, contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance,	other. Carried out after playtimes/during RE lessons/circle times.
integrity, community and achievement.	 Learning about the Berlin Wall which includes discussing democracy and the freedoms we enjoy in Britain.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Four.
The Rule of Law	At beginning of school year, class agree rules for an efficient,
Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	 harmonious, working environment. Rules displayed in the classroom and referred to throughout the year. Understanding of accepting responsibility and consequences of behaviour choices - ongoing
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution,	 Right from wrong – reinforced continually.
responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork,	 During RE – PowerPoint showing repercussions of making bad/good choices.
honesty	 Behaviour management – tailored to individual needs. To discuss consequences of behaviour choices.
	 Discussion with children – how can we make situations better? (Develop restorative justice approaches).

British Value	How we promote it in Year Four.
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	 Promote school ethos continually to develop children's self- esteem, knowledge and confidence.
School values: Honesty, humility, courage,	 Classroom expectations/playground relationships/home responsibilities – children are encouraged and positively praised for taking personal responsibility in all situations.
freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination,	 During assembly vocalised by the head, children's options, should they feel 'uncomfortable or unsafe' in school or

curiosity, growth, spirituality.	otherwise.
	 Questionnaires allow pupils to express their views/perceptions.
	 Protecting vulnerable pupils daily through discussions with
	staff in year groups and the children.
	 Children encouraged to listen to other people's points of view during interaction with one another.
	 Guided Reading / Anti – Bullying Week – stories with issues.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Four.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of	
those with Different Faiths and Beliefs Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate,	 RE – ongoing study of different faith cultures within class and from information displayed around the school. Variety of languages used in classroom, including during prayers. Language curriculum includes 'Intercultural Understanding' of cultures where target language is spoken. Children also share a
attentive	project on languages spoken at home / within wider family or research another language.
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork,	 Respect and interest of other children's faith and cultures within our community. Regular visits to our Church.

understanding, perseverance, determination, loyalty, acceptance, faith, confidence, determination, family, spirituality, achievement, community, charity.

• Recognise differences in children's family life/home situation and refer to the 'grown ups' at home.

Year Five

'If everyone was the same, the world would be a very boring place.' Tilly, Year Five (Mutual Respect)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Five.
Democracy Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic	 Citizenship, including visit to council houses Provides pupils with knowledge of public institutions and services. Children take part in Tamworth Fire Station event – Safety Town. Children take part in debates teaching about the democratic process. Children are taught about how to peacefully solve
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality,	 disagreements. Class Council – children vote and elect in a democratic way. School council – children are involved in the decision making
integrity, community and achievement.	 process and are listened to. Children are encouraged to express their views during Literacy Persuasive writing unit. Children introduced to the birth of democracy during History Ancient Greece topic.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Five.
The Rule of Law Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	 School rules are in place and are understood by the children Class rules are developed with the children so they are involved in the process. Ethos of the school helps children to understand the difference between right and wrong and the importance of making the right choices. Visit to Local Library – learn about Robert Peel and Police
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution, responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork, honesty	Force

British Value	How we promote it in Year Five.
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	 Individual lessons help promote self-esteem and self-confidence through positive feedback and constant encouragement. Children make choices about their learning. They are encouraged to express their viewpoint about issues.
School values: Honesty, humility, courage,	 NSPCC visit and workshops – children take responsibility for their behaviour and know their rights. Citizenship, including visit to council houses

freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination, curiosity, growth, spirituality.	 Challenging stereotypes, traditional roles, roles of men/women/ races in council and senior positions. School/ class level anti bullying – culture where bullying is not accepted on any level.
	 Freedom of expression encouraged particularly in Literacy and RE.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Five.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of	
those with Different Faiths and Beliefs	 Respect of children's differences encouraged during RE unit on gifts/ talents. Pupils acquire an understanding of and respect for other cultures. Gospel Virtues are linked to other religions, especially Judaism. Understanding of other cultures – RE Creation Unit.
Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate, attentive	 Guided Reading – books / authors from other cultures. Celebrate different languages / faiths / cultures within our class.
School values: Inclusion, equality, tolerance, communication, courage, appreciation, teamwork,	

Year Six

'Democracy is important – it is about everyone getting to have their own say.' Ruaidhri, School Council Chairperson. (Democracy)

British Value	How we promote it in Year Six.
Democracy	Class council
Gospel Virtues: : Discerning, eloquent, intentional, prophetic	 Democratic decision making when selecting curriculum activities.
	 Children encouraged to express their views in relation to Gospel stories (RE), literature read (guided reading) and topic activities (WW2)
School values: Responsibility, inclusion, equality, contribution, honesty, trust, freedom, tolerance, integrity, community and achievement.	 Through 'Espresso News Bites' children learn about local council and parliament. Elections for School Council Senior Positions,

British Value	How we promote it in Year Six
The Rule of Law	Both classes have their own set of class rules.
Gospel Virtues: Truthful, generous, learned, active.	 Pupils distinguish from right and wrong through embedded Gospel values and school ethos.
	 Re work on the commandments aids understanding of the basis of the laws of the country.
School values: Equality, challenge, contribution,	Staff model peaceful resolutions to conflicts and actively
responsibility, integrity, trust, community, teamwork,	encourage pupils to resolve personal conflicts with increasing
honesty	independence

British Value	How we promote it in Year Six.		
Individual Liberty Gospel Virtues: wise, curious, faith filled, grateful.	 Support pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self- confidence through all curriculum areas and additional curriculum experiences on regular basis for example: reading in assembly/mass, awards assembly, team participation in sports matches and acting in nativities/ role play. 		

School values: Honesty, humility, courage,
freedom, teamwork, perseverance, determination,
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curiosity, growth, spirituality.
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- Encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour as well as knowing their rights e.g through our class and school behaviour policies, assemblies, class council and work with NSPCC.
- Model freedom of speech through pupil participation in class discussions, dialogue with staff, pupil questionnaires and the knowledge that children can speak freely and openly to staff members (open door policy).
- Implement a strong anti-bullying culture e.g children understand the term 'bullying' through our school antibullying policy, class discussion, pupil questionnaires, assemblies, External visits (NSPCC) and zero tolerance from staff.

British Value	How we promote it in Year Six.		
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of			
those with Different Faiths and Beliefs	 Other faiths addressed during R.E. Inviting speakers from other faiths to share their experiences, lifestyle and culture. Children understand their learning style and thinking style 		
Gospel Virtues: loving, hopeful, compassionate,	through critical thinking skills.		

attentive

• Through guided reading text and class readers which promote SMSVC and respect for others.

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