

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

British Values Statement



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Promoting British Values

St Anthony's School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly or illegally, influence them.

The school follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. St Anthony's School is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life, beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British Values to all its students.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The school uses strategies within the National Curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for our pupils. The examples that follow show some of the many ways St Anthony's School seeks to embed British Values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at St Anthony's School, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for School council representatives, West Sussex Youth cabinet and UK Youth Parliament. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as in tutor time and assemblies. The school is also actively working towards the Democracy Award in recognition of the work the pupils do.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced at St Anthony's School.

Pupils are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by the school code of conduct and student expectations. Pupils are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At St Anthony's School, pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at St Anthony's School educate and

provide clear and consistent boundaries for pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety work.

St Anthony's has a robust anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Behaviour, Discipline and Anti-Bullying policy.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of St Anthony's School. Pupils learn that their behaviour and attitude have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect, and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved through equipping pupils with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. Pupils benefit from a number of international staff, including staff from other continents and cultures. Additionally, pupils are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivities throughout the calendar year. The Religious Education curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

St Anthony's has also been accredited with the International Schools Award (Level 1) which recognises and supports the school's commitment to teach students about life in other countries and develop them as global citizens.

St Anthony's School strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to Britain and the wider community as appropriate.