



British Values at Our Lady & St Philomena's (OLASP)

Through every area of the curriculum, OLASP promotes British Values, preparing our pupils for success in Modern Britain. During every lesson, we promote the core skills of tolerance, respect, teamwork, resilience and building self-esteem. Through our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum, we support our pupils to play a full and meaningful role in society.

At OLASP we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values, defined as Democracy, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, Rule of Law and Tolerance of those with different faiths & beliefs.

British Values are actively promoted through our whole school assemblies and whole school systems such as Golden Time. These values are also taught through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE) and Religious Education. Promoting British Values means challenging our pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including extremist views.

Democracy

Pupil Voice is strong at OLASP. Pupils are regularly given the opportunity to have their voices heard through various means including School Council, Wellbeing Warriors, Attendance Ambassadors, Eco Committee and Tuck Shop Assistants. Our children partake in voting for candidates of these roles who support all the children across the school in a wide range of capacities.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws and rules, whether country, school or class are consistently reinforced. Our "Philly's Way" list of expectations is clear and demonstrated in every classroom with the children understanding the rewards and consequences of their behaviour. Pupils are taught the value and reason behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us.

Individual Liberty

Pupils are encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely through the provision of a safe environment and curriculum. Pupils understand their personal rights and freedoms, with advice given on how to exercise these safely – e.g.; E-safety.

Pupils are given the choice to sign up for extracurricular activities which contribute to credits to achieve accreditation in the University of OLASP.



Mutual Respect

Our ethos and relationships policy are based around the core Christian Values; Responsibility and Respect. These values determine how we live as a community at OLASP. Themed weeks, for example Anti-Bullying Week, Fairtrade and Switch Off Fortnight give pupils opportunities to demonstrate a commitment to mutual respect of each other and the world around us. Our charity work and links with the local community helps in teaching mutual respect. Children and adults alike including visitors are challenged if they are disrespectful in any way.

Tolerance of those Different Faiths and Beliefs

Through our Come and See Programme (RE), children explore, engage and are enriched in their tolerance of the different faiths and beliefs that shape our country. Through our Christian values we support our children's learning through our termly studies of other faiths.

We take part in the annual commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day. Children and adults alike are challenged if they show disrespect to different faiths and beliefs in any way.