



St John the Divine Church of England Primary School

Teaching British Values

Democracy

Within their classes, at the start of each academic year, all children focus on the importance of rules and as a class draw up their own class rules.

We have recently reintroduced the school council. Children are selected, by their classmates, on a termly basis to represent their class at school council meetings.

Pupil surveys are carried out on a regular basis and children are not simply asked multiple choice questions, but are given the ability to share their views. This term alone two questionnaires have been conducted, the first a general survey on life in school, the second a hands-up poll on the quality of school meals following on from a change of catering contracts.

The rule of the law

Children learn very early on the importance of laws and are introduced to rules in school.

Our school rules were devised by children and cover all aspects of school life. Through Religious Education, PSHE, the wider curriculum and visits from members of the police force and fire brigade children are taught to understand the reasons behind laws and rules, that they protect and govern us and they develop an understanding of actions and reactions. Children are taught that, when we break the rules or the law there are consequences.

Individual liberty

Children are encouraged to make choices in a wide range of situations here at St. John's, knowing that they are in a safe and supported environment.

In lessons children are often given the chance to decide how they present their work and when rectifying behaviour children are often asked what they feel would be an appropriate sanction.

Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedom; through our everyday actions and interactions which teach children the importance of exercising these rights safely.

Respect

A key motto in school is to 'treat each other as you would like to be treated'. Children are polite and kind to each other and to visitors in our school. The importance of respect is emphasised constantly through collective worship and lessons across the curriculum.

Tolerance

Here at St John's we celebrate diversity; Collective Worship, Religious Education and PSHE lessons reinforce the message of tolerance and respect for all.

Workshops and staff training are delivered, by a range of agencies, to promote tolerance in our school. Children have all received diversity training.

Collective workshops and sessions led by our HELS advisor promote an awareness of prejudice and the impact of bullying.

Children learn about different faiths and beliefs and throughout the year children visit different places of worship.