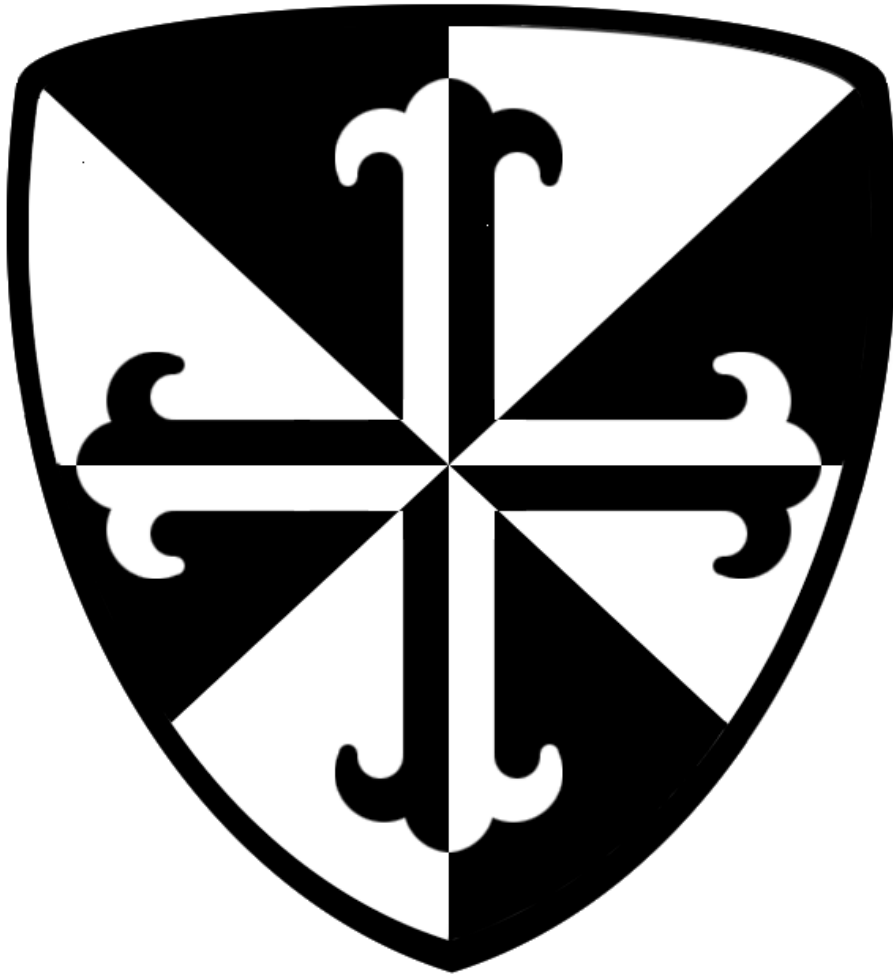


Holy Cross Catholic School



British Values Statement

Mission Statement

Every Day is a journey with Christ.

As one community, we inspire, encourage and challenge each other to become confident, independent learners.

We live, grow, learn and pray together in faith, showing God's love in all we do and say.

British values at Holy Cross

“Live, grow, learn and pray together in faith”

The Department for Education state that there is a need **“to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”**

At Holy Cross Catholic School, we endeavour to represent the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church, as we live, grow and learn together in faith., showing God’s love in all we do and say.

At Holy Cross Catholic School, the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and those without faith are reinforced. This is embedded into the curriculum and is also taught during British Value Weeks.

Democracy

- Pupils are always listened to by adults and have ‘I need to talk methods’
- Children are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard.
- Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council, suggestion boxes, pupil interviews and regular questionnaires.
- Parent’s views are also considered through questionnaires.
- The elections of the School Council members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

- Children are taught about the importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, and are consistently reinforced.
- Our school has ‘Golden Rules’, which are deeply embedded in our work every day.
- We have a clear behaviour system, with effective rewards and sanctions.
- Each class also discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all.
- Our pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.
- Children are encouraged to take on responsibilities that contribute to the school’s community.
- We teach and follow God’s rules – the 10 commandments.

Individual Liberty

- Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- Children learn about making the right choices throughout their time at Holy Cross, including a visit to Warning Zone.
- As a school, we educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education.
- Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our PSHE, RE, circle time, liturgies and assemblies.
- We work with parents and parishes to give the children in our care a knowledge of their faith and to guide them in the practice of their faith.

- We encouraging the growth of a community based upon gospel values, where each member has the opportunity to explore their faith.
- Children have a wide choice of extra-curricular activities available to them.
- We celebrate children's unique gifts and talents.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those With Different Faiths And Beliefs and for those without faith

- The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small.
- The core value of Respect at Holy Cross Catholic School underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.
- We have developed a community where every members' needs, talents and qualities are appreciated as we are all made in God's likeness.
- We learn about the Gospel values and this shows us how to treat other people with respect.
- Our mission statement ensures that we work as one community, showing respect and tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs.
- Holy Cross Catholic School enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies; P.S.H.E. work; visits to places of worship; visits to other schools in different settings to participate in celebrations such as Diwali; welcoming visitors from other schools that are not predominately white British and enjoying a depth of study during themed weeks. Through this our pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.