



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Promoting British Values and Building Cultural Capital

"In the love and truth of Jesus we grow"

At St Aidan's, we are committed to ensuring that every child develops the knowledge, skills, values and experiences needed to become successful citizens in modern Britain. Through our curriculum, Catholic ethos and wider opportunities, we actively promote British Values and enrich pupils' Cultural Capital.

British Values at St Aidan's

Democracy

Children are encouraged to have a voice and contribute to school life through:

- School Council, House captains, CAFOD Club and Mini Vinnies
- Pupil interviews
- Mock elections and class debates
- Pupil voice activities
- Curriculum themes that encourage discussion and decision-making

Impact

Pupils learn how democratic systems work and understand that everyone's voice matters.

Rule of Law

Children develop an understanding of rules, responsibility and consequences through:

- School and classroom expectations
- Behaviour policy and restorative approaches
- Lessons about laws and consequences
- Road safety education
- Community Police Officer visits
- Assemblies and PSHE lessons

Impact

Pupils understand the importance of rules in keeping people safe and creating a fair society.

Individual Liberty

Children are supported to make informed choices and become independent learners through:

- PSHE and RHE lessons
- NSPCC workshops
- Online safety education
- Independent learning opportunities
- Nurture support and wellbeing initiatives
- Open communication and pupil support systems

Impact

Pupils develop confidence, resilience and personal responsibility.

Mutual Respect

Respect for others is embedded throughout school life through:

- School mission statement and ethos
- Collaborative learning
- Buddy systems and peer support

- Fair play in sport
- Debates and discussion
- OPAL Play
- Commando Joes
- Positive behaviour expectations

Impact

Pupils learn to value themselves and others, creating a caring and inclusive community.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Children develop understanding and appreciation of diversity through:

- Religious Education
- World Religion Day
- Other Faiths Week
- Visits to places of worship
- Learning about different cultures and traditions
- Sharing personal experiences and perspectives

Impact

Pupils celebrate diversity and understand the importance of respect in a multicultural society.

Cultural Capital at St Aidan's

"Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success." – Ofsted

At St Aidan's, we provide a rich variety of experiences that broaden horizons and prepare pupils for life beyond school.

Academic and Curriculum Enrichment

- Art, Music, Drama, Geography and PE experiences
- Classroom discussions and collaborative learning
- Self and peer assessment opportunities

- World Book Day celebrations
- STEM opportunities
- Local History studies

Spiritual Development

- Collective Worship
- Liturgies and prayer opportunities
- RE lessons
- Visits to places of worship
- Celebrating Christian and other faith traditions
- Reflection following visits and experiences

Leadership and Responsibility

- School Council
- CAFOD Club
- Play Leaders
- Minnie Vinnies
- Head Boy/Girl

Wider Experiences

- Educational visits and residentials
- Theatre visits
- Visitors and workshops
- Sports clubs and festivals
- Dance festivals
- Healthy School initiatives
- School Games opportunities

Community and Citizenship

- Charity fundraising
- Children in Need
- CAFOD
- Wansbeck Food bank
- Community projects
- Parent workshops
- Links with local organisations

Wellbeing and Personal Development

- Mental Health and Wellbeing Weeks
- Nurture groups
- Rainbow Room support
- Worry Box
- Celebration assemblies
- Personal challenge activities

Diversity and Global Awareness

- Festivals from around the world
 - Celebrating diversity
 - Sustainability projects
 - Discussions about social issues
 - Understanding different cultures and beliefs
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The St Aidan's Difference

Through our Catholic ethos, broad curriculum and extensive enrichment opportunities, St Aidan's ensures that every child:

- ✓ Understands and lives British Values
 - ✓ Develops respect for others
 - ✓ Appreciates diversity and inclusion
 - ✓ Builds confidence and independence
 - ✓ Gains experiences beyond the classroom
- ✓ Is prepared for the next stage of education and life in modern Britain