

St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Our Mission and British Values

St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy is committed to serving its local, national and international community. We recognise the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing landscape of the United Kingdom. We also understand the vital role we have in ensuring that groups or individuals within any environment are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them. Our school fosters a strong sense of belonging and encourages all to live out our mission to Love, Respect and Serve one another both as a member of this school community and as a citizen of Britain.

The school has policies in place regarding Equalities, which guarantees that systems are in place to prevent discrimination against any individual or group; regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. It seeks to serve all so that all feel a sense of belonging.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government sets out its definition of British values in the 'Prevent Strategy' – values of:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The school uses opportunities to promote these values across the curriculum, especially evident in R.E, PSHCE and the rich ethos of our school.

At St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy we take great pride in our sense of belonging and welcome, which is a characteristic hallmark of the British culture.

Our school Mission Statement articulates the commitment held by the school to serve our local community and our country with respect and conviction.