



# Loreto Convent School

Gibraltar

## BRITISH VALUES POLICY

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***This policy reflects the ethos of Loreto Convent School and has been compiled and reviewed with the involvement of children, staff and Governors.***

***‘A belief in freedom, tolerance of others, accepting personal and social responsibility, respecting and upholding the rule of law – are the things we should try to live by every day’***

***David Cameron, Prime Minister, June 2004***

### **Core Aims:**

- Improved Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of children at Loreto Convent School.
- The promotion of British Values - in order to ensure that children leave prepared for life in the modern British world.
- To actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual tolerance and respect of those with different faiths and beliefs.

*Linked Government Policy: Prevent Strategy 2011.*

*Linked Loreto Convent School Policy: Safeguarding Policy*

### **Objectives:**

- Children become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.
- Children have an understanding of and value British concepts of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Children understand the importance of respect, leaving school fully prepared for life in the modern British world.

*These objectives are met in the following key strategic approaches at Loreto Convent School:*

- Morning Prayers in the school chapel.
- A rigorous Religious Studies Scheme of Learning across the whole school.
- Across the whole curriculum through specific topics in each aspect of the curriculum.

*This policy focuses on these key strategic approaches; however, significant other approaches and policies are linked:*

- Intervention Policies for key groups including SEN.
- Monitoring and tracking in order that children are all treated with equal respect and their individual needs met.

*Our commitment to a community rooted in love, tolerance, respect, and celebration of differences, flows from our School Mission Statement:*

***‘We recognise the uniqueness of each child. We undertake to nurture their intellectual , creative, and physical abilities, while ensuring their emotional and spiritual growth in a caring atmosphere where Catholic values are paramount. ‘***

*At Loreto Convent we are committed to serving our community and local area. In so doing we reinforce British values regularly and in the following ways:*

#### **Democracy:**

- Democratic values are an explicit part of the ethos at Loreto Convent School. All adults listen to the views of the pupils and value their opinions.

#### **The Rule of Law:**

- The importance of laws and rules are consistently reinforced in the classroom, as well as through school assemblies. Pupils are taught to understand the need for laws - that they are there for individual protection, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Pupils follow a positive behaviour policy and clearly understand the rewards and sanctions that are used. Assemblies and discussions focus on recognising right from wrong and visits from the police, fire service and local councillors help to reinforce these messages.

#### **Individual Liberty:**

- Pupils are encouraged to be independent learners, constantly making choices, within a safe and supportive environment. Developing their self-esteem and self-confidence is very important. Pupils are encouraged to understand their personal freedoms and are taught how to use these rights to best effect. All pupils are keen to support charities, whether local, national or global. They are taught consideration for others through our R.E. programme ‘The Way, The Truth and The Life’ and during PSHE lessons. E-safety teaching enables them to make choices in a safe manner.

#### **Mutual Respect:**

- Our school’s ethos and behaviour policy are based on Gospel values. Assemblies constantly promote respect for others and the importance of good manners. All pupils are taught the importance of self-respect, honest and open communication with others and fair play. Pupils work collaboratively and value others’ opinions.

#### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

- As a Catholic worshipping community, pupils are reminded of their place in a culturally diverse society. This is achieved through our Religious Education curriculum and the

spiritual life of the school. Assemblies and class work promote the diversity of society and the right for each person to be respected and valued equally regardless of ability, gender, faith, heritage, or race.

**Seen by Governing Body:**