



# RESPECT



We are understanding and considerate of everyone's rights.

- So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. *Matthew 7:12*
- Admire the uniqueness in every person. *Leonardo da Vinci*
- Look upon all with the eye of equality. *Guru Granth Sahib*
- We should all consider each other as human beings, and we should respect each other. *Malala Yousafzai*

**Being respectful is at the core of everything we do and expect of each other at St James. We celebrate together that God created us all different and unique. We learn to value each other and the wider community through honesty, tolerance and trust, where everyone has equal dignity and worth as a reflection of God's love.**

**We believe respect involves taking responsibility for each other. Respect is speaking to and interacting with others in a courteous manner. It is about being honest, reliable and trustworthy. We want our whole school community to respect each other. The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is. We regularly discuss how respecting someone does not mean that we always agree with the other person but that we are prepared to listen and share our views without rudeness or impatience.**

At school we take every opportunity to teach children this value by:

- being kind to myself and my friends.
- knowing I am unique and valuable and feeling good about myself.
- listening to others and their ideas.
- knowing others are valuable too.
- treating my surroundings and objects nicely and taking care of them.
- following rules and understanding they are there for a purpose.

This value is reflected in our curriculum by:

- preparing our children for life in a diverse society.
- providing opportunities for pupils to appreciate their own culture and celebrate the diversity of other cultures.
- utilising inclusive teaching approaches that reflect our children.