

*St Margaret Clitherow Catholic  
Voluntary Primary and Nursery Academy*



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St Margaret Clitherow is a Catholic school with Christ's teachings of love, peace and justice at the heart of all we do.

### **Mission Statement**

St Margaret Clitherow Academy is a community concerned with the growth and development of the whole person. In our community great importance is attached to every individual. The foundation of all that school does is the person of Christ, who is at the centre of the community. Our aim is to encourage individuals to grow to Christian maturity through the opportunities we provide.

**'Love one another, as I have loved you.'**

### **British Values...Gospel Values!**

In 2013 the Department for Education said

*"Keeping our children safe and ensuring schools prepare them for life in modern Britain could not be more important. This change is an important step towards ensuring we have a strong legal basis for intervening in those schools where this is an issue."*

*"The vast majority of schools already promote British values. This is about making sure we have the tools we need to intervene if children are being let down."*

Schools are required to actively promote and not undermine "British Values". The government has set out its definition of British Values as:

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

As a Catholic School we actively promote values, virtues and ethics that shape our pupils character and moral perspective, through the teachings of the Church.

The values which inspire our work and inform the ethos and decision-making in St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy are the values of the Gospel, based on the beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 5: 1-11).

The Beatitudes inspire us to follow in the steps of Jesus

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”  
**Gospel value:** Humility, seeing life as a gift

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”  
**Gospel value:** Compassion, empathy

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth”  
**Gospel value:** Kindness, gentleness

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied”  
**Gospel value:** Justice, working for a fairer world

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”  
**Gospel value:** Forgiveness, reconciliation

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”  
**Gospel value:** Integrity, do what you say

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”  
**Gospel value:** Peace, committed to peace making and non-violence

“Blessed are those who are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”  
**Gospel value:** Courage, standing up for truth