



## Christ Church CE (VC) Primary School

### Promoting British Values

The DfE reinforced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated in 2014.

At Christ Church C.E. (VC) Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

#### **Democracy**

Christ Church School believes in the rights and responsibilities of all children. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. These include:

- School Council
- Health and Safety Committee
- Global Committee
- Collective Worship Committee
- Healthy Schools Committee

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

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are reinforced through the day to day life of the school and this in turn reinforces positive behaviour. Children discuss the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message. All children and adults know and value the School Rules: We Care, We Share, We Tell the Truth, considering their implications in school, on the playground and in their wider lives.

#### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for children to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety work, the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of learning challenge, of how they record, or participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, children are given the freedom to make choices.

#### **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values and is part of our Core Values for Church Schools. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community aim to treat each other with respect.

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

Christ Church is proud of and celebrates the cultural diversity within it. Class based learning, Collective Worship and Assemblies are regularly planned with the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHCE and school curriculum as a whole promotes quality teaching and learning that reinforces tolerance and inclusion. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths, alongside the valuing of its Church School status and the close and well established links with the local church and diocese.

At Christ Church we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to these values, including 'extremist' views.