



## ALL SAINTS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**SCHOOL 212**

### **Promoting British Values**

The DfE have recently 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, mutual respect and the tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'* The government set out this definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister recently (2014). At All Saints CE Primary School and Nursery these values are modelled and consistently reinforced in the following ways.

#### **Democracy**

- Pupils are able to offer their opinions within Class Circle Time discussions.
- Pupil Action Group leads Collective Worship half-termly and children of all ages independently lead prayer.
- School Councillors are voted by the pupils and play an active part in listening to their peers and acting on different initiatives.
- Green Ambassadors are chosen by their peers to look after the school environment and to canvas opinion and investigate action on such issues as sustainability and recycling.
- The children independently complete an annual pupil questionnaire.
- Teamwork is modelled by staff and constantly and consistently encouraged in the children. Initiatives such as 'Building Learning Power' and 'Learning Partners' reinforce the importance of effective collaboration and valuing everybody's contributions.
- We endeavour to instil in every child the knowledge that however small they are, they have the ability to make a difference - and they do.
- Issues in democracy in the world beyond school are focused upon in an age appropriate manner and parallels are drawn with life in school.

#### **Rule of Law**

- In school our rules are very simple and centre upon the Christian Values of love and forgiveness.
- Nevertheless, the importance of 'laws' to govern the class, school or country are upheld as important and are reinforced daily in the general running of the school as well as behaviour management.

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- The values and reasons behind the laws, as well as the way they govern and protect us, are made apparent.
  - Home/School Agreement and E-Safety agreement are in place.
  - Visits from people in authority reinforce the need for rules, eg PCSOs, local councillors and school governors.

### **Individual Liberty**

- Within school children are actively encouraged to make choices, whilst knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- Making the right choices, being forgiven and enabled to try again when they make the wrong ones, underpins our behaviour management strategies.
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely.
- Whether it be through a choice of level of 'chilli challenge', of who to play or work with, of what to have for lunch, of which extra-curricular clubs to participate in, the children are encouraged and given freedom to make a choice and supported in living with it.
- With all the above, it is our aim that our children will be able to evaluate the society in which they live and to make informed, independent choices of good citizens.

### **Mutual Respect**

- Mutual respect is one of the core Christian values that underpin every aspect of life in our school, as well as our Behaviour Policy.
- All staff treat each other and the children in our care with respect.
- We endeavour to respect and value one another's property and opinions – even and especially when it is different to our own.

### **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

- Although as a school we have lower than average number of minority groups represented, we fully appreciate the importance of enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in culturally diverse society and giving them opportunities to experience that diversity.
- We recognise that all humanity was created by God and is loved by Him. We teach the children to love our fellow man and to be tolerant of those different to ourselves.
- Collective Worship, our Values education, RE and PSHE work emphasise tolerance and proactively and successfully educate against any form of prejudice or prejudice-based bullying.
- Representatives of different faiths and religions visit our school and share their experience in open and respectful discussion which enhances both knowledge and understanding.
- Educational visits to our own and contrasting places of worship are actively encouraged.
- RE curriculum is well resourced and contains appropriate materials to support the teaching of the six main faiths.
- Awareness days/months such as Black History Month, European Day of Languages and Anti-bullying week are actively promoted and celebrated.

To further enhance all aspects of British Values, CBBC's Newsround educational website is used across the school to explore current national and/or global issues.