

# Values and Ethos at Cragside Church of England Primary School



At Cragside Church of England Primary School, we seek to live out the Christian and British values which are at the heart of our school and expressed in our mission statement and the set of **SHINE BRIGHT** code of conduct we have at school. Our constant and relentless drive is that there should be **high achievement for all** at Cragside so that all may 'flourish' and enjoy 'life in all its fullness' (John 10.v10).

Positive and caring relationships are the thread which weaves through all of our school community-relationships where all are valued and all value each other. Our motto is 'Let your light shine' which is taken from Matthew's Gospel from which our striving to enable all to SHINE BRIGHT and flourish at Cragside comes.

At the core of what we do we seek to share the importance of values such as:

- **Kindness** and **compassion** for others (Just as Jesus showed care and kindness to those he met we seek to show kindness at all time. Examples include supporting the food bank and charities we support as well as helping someone who might seem a little upset).

***"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience".  
(Colossians 3.v.12)***

- **Care** (for example through being like the 'good Samaritan' who showed kindness and care to the man he met)

***"Love your neighbour as you love yourself". (Mark 12.v.31)***

- **Tolerance** for others (for instance towards those of different cultures, faiths and those of no faith)

***"Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another." (Colossians 3.v.13)***

- **Endurance** and **perseverance** (always trying to do our best and SHINE BRIGHT for example in lessons, in our sport, in seeking in all things to be the best we can be)

***"Let us run with determination the race that lies before us." (Hebrews 12.v.1)***

- **Respect** for God, for ourselves, each other, our school, our community and the law of our country (for instance in our RE and PHSE curriculum and in our collective worship)

***“Respect everyone.” (1 Peter 2.v.17)***

- **Democracy** (for example through the work of the school council and votes for head boy and girl each year)

***“Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16.v.14)***

- **Friendship, forgiveness and trust** (mirroring the teachings of Jesus that we should forgive each other for example through our friendship week and anti bullying work where we look at the importance of kind words and actions and our day to day work on modelling and expecting excellent behaviour)

***“Forgive one another.” (Colossians 3.v.13)***

- **Peace** (for example the role we all have to bring peace into our school and wider community through our caring and kind words and actions and always thinking of the feelings of others. We seek to live out the quote: “Let there be peace in the world and let it begin with me” as we remember that each of us in very small ways can make a difference)

***“Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Matthew 5.v.9)***

- **Thankfulness and thoughtfulness** to others (for instance in the polite way we speak, having good manners and remembering to say thank you).

***“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” (Psalm 107.v.1)***

- **Gentleness, patience and humility** (for instance in letting others have a turn, waiting for others, listening to what someone has to say)

***“Let your gentleness be evident to all.” (Philippians 4.v.5)***

- **Love** (for instance in ‘treating others the way we would like to be treated ourselves’, for practical and random acts of kindness such as our Advent calendar of kindness, for making time to listen to others and help them)

***“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13.v.34)***

- **Service** (for example in thinking how we can help others such as through our harvest giving, supporting the work of the Ugandan choir The Pearl of Africa who visit each year and singing for members of the local community at Christmas time)

***“Whatever you did to the least of these you did to me.” (Matthew 25.v.40)***

- **Joy and Happiness** (for example in developing a real love of learning and enjoying our work, enjoying the laughter and fun of friendships, smiling as you know that you are cared for).

***“May the God of hope fill you with joy.” (Romans 15.v.13)***

- **Aspire and Aim High** (for example in encouraging everyone to do his or her very best in terms of effort, application towards work and behaviour-to encourage all to SHINE BRIGHT. As a school we work)

***“Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5.v.16)***


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**B**e a shining example  
**R**espect everyone and everything  
**I** always do my best  
**G**ive a helping hand to others  
**H**ands, feet and voice used kindly  
**T**reat everyone the same way as you would like to be treated

Let Your Light Shine

We place great emphasis on children building excellent relationships during their time at Cragside, so by weaving values into the fabric of who the children are, we know that this will underpin this development of their relationships with their peers and adults in school, as well as in their community.

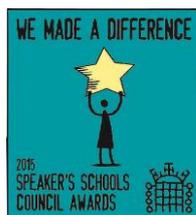
As a visual reminder to us each day about the importance of values in our school, each class talks about values that they think are important. Our children have thought of their own creative ways to display these values for all to see. Our values are displayed in the main hall of the school, to serve as a reminder to the children as well as to let all see what makes us distinctive as a Church of England school and the values that define us.

We have considered what was meant by British values and looked at areas such as the importance of our broad and balanced curriculum, our constant promotion of respect and tolerance for others and the importance of democracy which we lived out with our school council elections earlier this term. We also examined the importance of events such as Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day and encouraged the children to reflect on these and other key events in our calendar. We seek to continue this throughout each school year.

In recognition of our work in looking at other cultures, our school was awarded the British Council's International School Award in 2014 which we were very proud to receive. We have submitted a new application for this award in 2017

In February 2015 our participation in the 'Speaker's Award' and the work of our School Council (Pupil Voice) was acknowledged by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Children in KS2 take part in the Archbishop of York Young Leader Award to help us make a difference to the local and global community.

In all we do we seek to ensure all members of our school community flourish- academically, physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, culturally so that all are 'rounded' and respectful, full of care and thoughtfulness to each and every person they meet so that all may SHINE BRIGHT in the knowledge that they are loved and cared for by everyone at Cragside and by God.



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