

British Values Statement – Parish CE Primary School

Parish is a school built on Christian beliefs and values. However, we recognise that our children are part of the wider British society, which is multi-cultural and multi-faith in its composition.

We also understand that we have a crucial role to play in ensuring that our children become valuable and fully rounded members of society, who treat others with respect and tolerance and are fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

This statement outlines the key British values we actively promote.

Democracy

- The children experience democratic processes through the election of School Council members, who represent the views of their peers at the School Council meetings.
- Termly 'Kids' Conferences' are held, which allow all children to express their views and vote on important school issues.
- As part of the curriculum children are given the opportunity to take part in class debates.
- Children learn about British democratic processes through the History and PSHE curriculum.
- Upper KS2 children have the opportunity to take part in the Local 'Democracy Week'.

Mutual Respect

- Our School Mission Statement embodies the value of mutual respect. Awards are given to pupils, who show respect for others, in our annual 'Values Awards Evening'.
- Our behavior policy is underpinned by the belief that everybody in our school community has the right to be respected; and that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that right is not affected.
- In school there is a clear focus on good manners and respect for others. The children have been featured on local TV for their high standard of manners and respectful behaviour. Most recently this was for our trip to the Somme to visit the war graves and lay wreaths at the graves of local soldier killed during World War 1.
- Through assemblies, RE and PSHE the children are taught to have mutual respect for other people regardless of their faith, culture and beliefs.

Individual Liberty

- Within school children are actively encouraged to make choices – knowing that they are in a safe environment to do so.
- 'Pupil Voice' is actively encouraged through the school council, Kids' Conferences and Buddies system.
- Through our extra-curricular clubs and wider opportunities the children are given the opportunity to make informed choices.
- Through the curriculum the children learn about key historical figures who have fought for individual liberty and human rights.

The Rule of Law

- The school has clear rules and high expectations of standards of behaviour. This is underpinned by a clear understanding of everyone's 'Rights and Responsibilities' within the school community.
- Children learn about the British justice system through the curriculum eg Y4 History – 'Early Law makers'.
- One of the twelve Christian values we focus on as a school is 'justice'. We also have members of staff trained in 'Restorative Justice'.
- We have strong links with our local PCSOs, who come in to school to speak to the children about their jobs and the importance of being 'law abiding citizens'.

Tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs

- Through daily worship, RE and PSHE the children are taught about other faiths, cultures and beliefs.
- The ethos of the school is embodied by 'Christian Values', which teach the children to be tolerant of others, including those of different faiths and beliefs.
- We hold the International Schools Award and have strong links with schools in Austria and China. Through these international friendships the children learn to accept and celebrate diversity.