

St Martin's CE Primary School Promoting British Values Statement

British values are embedded in the life of the school. They are actively promoted through spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and form a part of our distinctive Christian character. British and Christian values are regularly promoted through high quality teaching across the curriculum, within Christian Worship, through Picture News and by a positive behaviour policy which allows pupils to develop and demonstrate skills and attributes that will allow them to contribute positively to life in Modern Britain. These values and attitudes are promoted and reinforced by all staff and used to provide a model of behaviour for all our pupils. The way in which the school community behave and treat others is built upon a basis of respect, individual worth and Christian love, while recognising that many of these guiding principles are present in other faiths and cultures.

For more detail about what we do for each British Value, please see the British Values Overview on the website.

Democracy

Democracy and communication are embedded in school life as the 'voice' of each pupil is valued and heard. Pupils are listened to by adults and taught to listen actively to one another, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions heard. Pupils have the opportunity to share opinions and ideas through the School Council, Worship Council, Eco Council, Safeguarding Champions and regular 'pupil voice' evaluation.

e.g Pupils' responsibilities/roles/elections

Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether governing the class, the school or the country, is consistently reinforced. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, the responsibility that they have to uphold them and the consequences when laws are broken. They are taught the importance of right and wrong, in particular relating to the schools Christian Values.

e.g Visits by police and fire service, behaviour policy

Individual Liberty

Pupils at this school are seen as unique and valued individuals, each of whom is equally important. They are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely through many curriculum subjects, particularly in PSHE and e-safety lessons.

e.g Charity work, community events, responsibilities

Mutual respect

Respect is an important value to pupils and staff and is deeply embedded in learning and behaviour. Pupils understand that respect must be shown to everyone, whatever differences there may be. Respect underpins school life, in and out of the classroom.

e.g – anti-bullying week, e-safety, behaviour policy

Tolerance of those with difference faiths and beliefs

Christian concepts and values form an integral part of pupils' daily learning but are taught alongside an understanding and celebration of different faiths, cultures, philosophies and beliefs. This tolerance is embedded within all subjects, particularly RE, enabling pupils to gain an enhanced understanding of the place of religion in a multi faith world and their own place in a culturally diverse society.

e.g – RE visits and visitors, multi-cultural resources, our diverse school community