

British Values Policy



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St John's C.E. (C) Infant School
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Rationale

Personal, Social and Spiritual development at St John's CE (C) Primary School, is the heartbeat of our school day. As part of this development, children learn to promote our whole school mission statement (Vision), Christian Values and the nationally recognised British Values.

Our vision and mission statement are:

Together in love we learn with **Respect**, **Hope**, **Friendship** and **Forgiveness**.
With God's help we strive, shine and aspire to be the best we can be as part of our St
John's family and along our **rainbow** path to the future.
We are creative, knowledgeable and grow in confidence day-by-day to succeed and
achieve.

Aims

At St John's C E (C) Primary School, we are keen to develop children's understanding of British Values. As a Church of England school we promote these values through the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all our children. They are an intrinsic part of our school culture and ethos along with our own school Christian Values. British values are embedded throughout our curriculum and all aspects of school life but due to the age range of the children are not always referred to explicitly as we feel we don't want to overload children with values. As we developed our Key Stage 2 provision, we will start to refer to the British Values more explicitly.

We aim to ensure that every child understands the principles and importance of respect and is ready to leave our school prepared for the next step on their journey as they are prepared for life in modern Britain. We review these values every year in discussion with all our school community.

The Government states that British Values are:

- Democracy.
- The rule of law.
- Individual liberty.
- Mutual respect.
- Tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

At St John's C E (C) Primary we believe that everyone in our school has the right:

- ✓ To feel and be safe.
- ✓ To learn in a healthy and enjoyable environment.
- ✓ To be cared for, be respected, be valued and be challenged in their learning.

St John's C E (C) Primary reinforces the British Values regularly through relationships, attitudes and language which are promoted in school as well as through many practical opportunities:

Democracy: Article 12 (UNCRC) states that ‘children have the right to have a say in matters that affect them’. School has a well-established system of democratic elections for various Pupil Committees and activities and Pupil Voice is a strength of the school.

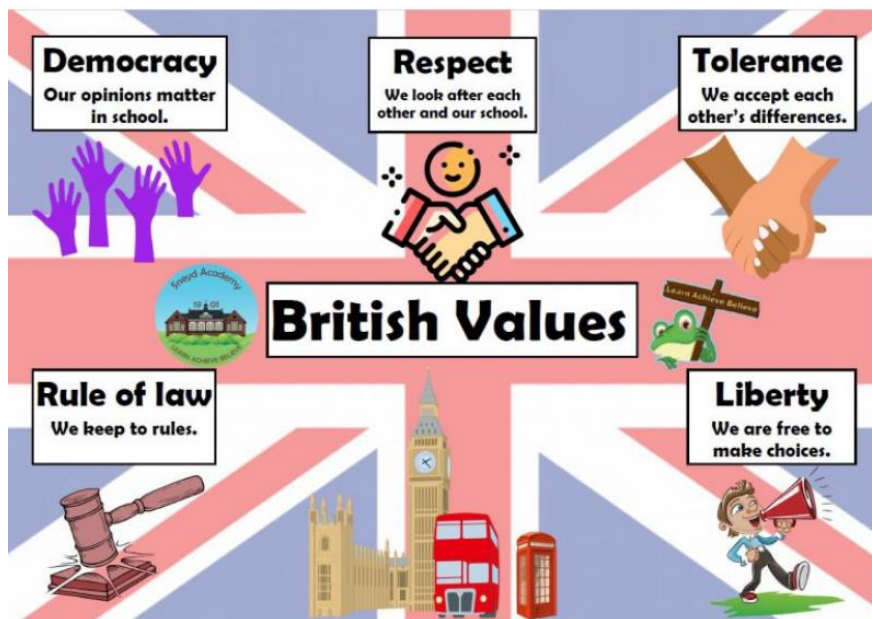
The Rule of Law: Article 41 (UNCRC) states that ‘if the laws of a country protect children better than the articles of the Convention then those laws must stay in place’. School teaches children that everyone, children and adults are alike and are to be given respect. Adults are the duty bearers to ensure that children can access their rights and therefore must be respected as Article 3 states that ‘adults must act in the best interests of the child’. As a core school Christian Value and a key part of our school vision, respect is built into everything we do and say.

Individual Liberty: Article 2 (UNCRC) states that ‘The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from’. School has an inclusive approach where all children are recognized as individuals and their individual potential is ‘grown’.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance: Article 14 (UNCRC) states that ‘every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights’.

Assemblies and Collective Worship teach respect for all, R.E. lessons teach children about other faiths, children visit places of worship of other faiths, and we actively promote this through displays, curriculum material and everyday life.

This is a summary of how we define the values at St John’s C E (C) Primary School:



School has a reputation for its involvement in local, diocesan, national and global celebrations and events, such as;

- Remembrance Services.
- Celebrating and learning about significant sporting events such as Olympics, Para Olympics and Commonwealth games and their values.
- Church services for special events such as Mother's Day and Christmas and Harvest.
- Participation in community events.
- Participation in various charity and fundraising events that are local, national and global. This includes Children in Need, Comic Relief, BRAKE days and Special awareness days such as Down Syndrome Days relating to specific children's needs in school.
- Participation in twinning projects with 2 other local church schools, Church School Partnership days and also Carry My Story Project.
- Events and Acts of Worship led by our School Council, Church Group and Playground Buddies who are supported to actively plan and support events in our school community and beyond which reflect our commitment to British values. Our children are proud of this support and commitment and are happy to share our involvement with visitors, online and beyond.

Inclusion and Equality

In line with our Equality Policy and Accessibility Plan we are committed to providing an environment that is transparent and accessible by all. Each child, staff member and parent/carer is valued, respected and challenged regardless of race, gender, religion, social background, culture or disability.

Policy Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed following the 3-year Policy Review Cycle of the school or when there are significant changes to the curriculum that warrant it. It may also be reviewed earlier should it no longer comply with school practice or the legal requirements of schools.

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