

# CHRIST CHURCH (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



***“Working together to build a strong foundation through Faith and learning”***

## **British Values Statement**

The Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values more actively from September 2014, and to ensure they are taught in schools.

Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal, examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its students.

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five key British Values are:

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

This school uses strategies within the national curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that follow show some of the many ways Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School seeks to instil British Values.

Democracy
Through our curriculum children are taught about, and encouraged to respect, public institutions and services.
Daily discussions ensure that children are regularly asked for their opinions and feedback. This is also done through surveys and as part of school monitoring and evaluation systems (e.g pupil interviews etc).
Teachers model and invite children to share in the democratic process and embed this through the curriculum and organisation of school life, e.g choosing some of the topics which are part of their curriculum and choosing table names with in the classroom.
All parents, carers and children are invited to share their views on school and community issues. This is done through questionnaires, surveys, PFA meetings and parent meetings.
The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Education curriculum as well as in class time and assemblies.

<p><b>The rule of law</b></p> <p>The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School.</p> <p>Pupils are taught the rules of the school upon entry. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.</p> <p>Pupils are taught that rules are applied consistently to all and that we are all expected to follow the Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School Rules which are positive statements about the community we want our children to learn and thrive within.</p>
<p><b>Individual liberty</b></p> <p>At Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE work.</p> <p>Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School has a robust zero-tolerance to bullying policy and any disputes, fall outs or upsets are taken seriously, dealt with swiftly and investigated fully. Rigorous Behaviour and Safety policies support our children to be independent and responsible. Children recently wore blue to school to highlight issues surrounding bullying in our society.</p>
<p><b>Mutual respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs</b></p> <p>Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children are taught that their behaviours effect their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and dignity.</p> <p>Mutual respect and tolerance is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity.</p> <p>We actively celebrate and encourage the sharing of diversity and want our children to value similarities and differences within our community.</p> <p>At Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School we are lucky enough to have families from many different backgrounds and faiths. Due to this the children develop respect and understanding of the beliefs of other from a young age. This understanding is further developed through our RE curriculum.</p> <p>At Christ Church Junior we recognise the similarities in key values between different faiths. We highlight these similarities to the children through our Collective Worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school.</p> <p>Children are encouraged and regularly support charities and plan fundraising and awareness raising activities to support charities. The children have recently raised funds for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, Save the Children and Romanian Street Children.</p>