

Clewer Green CE Aided First School

Inspiring Children

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Vision: Every child has been blessed by God with unique potential. Our vision for Clewer Green is to inspire and nurture children in a safe, happy and caring Christian community, where everyone is valued and enjoys learning.

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT CLEWER GREEN CE AIDED FIRST SCHOOL

Aim

Our aim, in line with our distinctively Christian values, is for every child to have the support that they need, and by example and direct teaching, promote a Christian ethos within the school whilst recognising that not all of its members will be practising Christians.

The Department of Education have recently reinforced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated last year (2014). At Clewer Green CE Aided First School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of these rules. We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues to do with our school. Every child on the School Council is voted in by their class. Children are able to put forward their views about the school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of rules/ laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced regularly in one form or another in school on a daily basis and further reinforced through dealing with specific examples of poor behaviour, school assemblies and interactions with parents.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules/laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when rules/laws are broken.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of learning challenge or participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is given high priority in our school and promoted through a range of class based and whole school means. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. This is supported by our very clear behaviour policy and school values. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect and be polite.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons (both following new schemes as from September 2018) reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Where possible the children also visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

At Clewer Green CE Aided First School we will challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views. We will also challenge racism and expect everyone within our community to respect British laws whilst supporting their own culture.

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Kate Kelliher, Chair of Governors