

Promoting British Values in St.Chad's RCVA Primary School



St. Chad's RCVA Primary School, promotes the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs. We find these values mirrored in our daily teaching of Gospel Values.

Through our curriculum areas of Celebrations, writing to our partner schools in France and Tanzania, MFL, Geographical Locational Knowledge, Cultural Art, Music, Poetry and Stories, our Family Groups, our Assemblies, our RE curriculum and through our very actions we teach;

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an understanding that the freedom to hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- an acceptance that people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- an acceptance that people having different lifestyles should be accepted and tolerated and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour.
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combating discrimination

To promote British values, the school:

- engages the help of the Parliamentary Outreach Service, who through role-modelling the debating process, underlines the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of democracy, and how democracy and the law works in Britain, in contrast to other forms of government in other countries.
- has extended debating and discussion sessions, on occasion, led by Helen Goodman, our Member for Parliament and demonstrate a knowledge of how democracy works by listening to how professionals in public life can get points across meaningfully.
- holds elections for our School Council whose members are voted for by the pupils through a 'Hustings' system, to ensure that all children within the school have a voice that is listened to,
- holds discrete debating and discussion sessions throughout the year with the assistance of Durham University Debating Society that provide pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view
- hold regular faith assemblies, promoting tolerance and understanding of different faiths.