

TEACHING BRITISH VALUES

Promoting British Values underpinned by Christian Values at Warton St. Paul's C.E. Primary Academy

The DfE have 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. At Warton St. Pauls, these values are reinforced regularly and are underpinned by our school's **Christian Values** in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year, the children decide upon their class rules and the rights associated with these. All of the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules.

We have a School Council which meets every **two weeks** with the Council leader to discuss issues raised with their peers and **through the school's suggestion box**. Every child on the school council is voted in by their class.

Our **Home School Agreement** ensures that there are agreed expectations between parents, carers, pupils and the school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Warton St. Paul's. Pupils are taught the rules of the school from the beginning of their school journey in Reception. These are our Golden Rules, Playground Rules and Safety Rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that they involve and the consequences when laws are broken.

Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

As a Christian school, we value **Forgiveness** which is shown through our restorative justice 'Behaviour Policy'.

Individual Liberty

At Warton St. Paul's, 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 children to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. This is reinforced through the Christian Value of **Courage** which allows the children to make independent choices and demonstrate resilience. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is a key value within our school community and **Respect** is also one of our Christian Values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and demonstrate **Friendship**. We encourage the children to

support and care for each other. For example, KS2 children take on the roles of **Guardian Angels** during lunchtime to promote friendship and help to the KS1 and EYFS children.

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 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. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths. As **Thankfulness** is one of our Christian Values, we appreciate each person for who they are and are therefore tolerant in all areas. We also promote **Truthfulness** by encouraging children to be true to themselves and their beliefs, whilst being tolerant of others.