

Winmarleigh Church of England Primary School



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At Winmarleigh Church of England Primary School we believe that *“Keeping our children safe and ensuring schools prepare them for life in modern Britain”* (DfE 2013) is an essential part of our school ethos. The promotion of British Values is central to our Christian education because these values originate in the Christian values of our nation.

The Government considers that British Values are:-

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

Here at Winmarleigh Church of England Primary School, we reinforce these values regularly in the following ways:-

Democracy – our School Council allows our pupils to have their voices heard. Elected representatives from each year group meet regularly to discuss relevant issues and put forward the views of their classmates. They are also involved in fund raising activities, such as non-uniform days and cake sales.

The Rule of Law – the importance of Laws are consistently reinforced throughout the school day, whether they are laws which govern the classroom or the country. Laws and rules are also referred to when dealing with any behaviour issues and through school assemblies. Children are taught the value and reasons behind laws, learning that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities this involves and any consequences when laws are broken. They are also taught to distinguish right from wrong, using Christ as the example, when dealing with unacceptable behaviour. We expect all the children to follow our school rules regarding expectations for behaviour. Visitors include police, fire service and even MPs, and these people reinforce this message. Our Class 1 pupils enjoy ‘Right Start’ Pedestrian training, learning about safety when out and about near roads and our Class 2 pupils learn ‘Safer Cycling’ each year, where they learn about responsible road use.

Individual Liberty – our pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, knowing that they are in the safe, secure and supportive environment that is our school family. We encourage all our pupils to see themselves as unique individuals who are able to make a positive contribution to the whole community. We feel that developing self-confidence and self-esteem is very important. Pupils are encouraged to know and understand their rights and responsibilities, and we support this by giving advice on how to exercise these rights through, for example, E-Safety, class and whole school discussions. All our children are very keen to support charities including Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children), Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) and the Bishops Harvest Fund. They are also taught consideration for other people through our RE curriculum and PSHE lessons in particular.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs – Everyone in our school family models respect. As a school, we promote respect for others and this is reinforced in assemblies, classrooms and the whole learning environment, as well as extra-curricular activities like sport. Our school’s aims, ethos and behaviour policy are all based on our Christian values. In line with our commitment to democracy, our pupils are encouraged to voice their opinions in a safe environment where they know it is ok to share ideas as well as disagree with one another. We work hard to promote anti-bullying through strategies which reinforce respect for differences and tolerance. Our pupils are encouraged to develop positive values and

understand their own beliefs within a culturally diverse society – as a Christian worshipping school, we feel this is a major factor in educating our children to be respectful and tolerant of everyone. The children learn about other faiths and religions as part of the RE curriculum.