

"Every child is a unique child of God."

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S
Primary School

At Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values which are defined as:

- *democracy*
- *rule of law*
- *individual liberty*
- *mutual respect*
- *tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs*

These values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE), and Religious Education (RE). We also teach British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. The School Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) graded the school as 'Excellent' (June 2019) which demonstrates evidence of our commitment to British Values.

Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School takes opportunities to actively promote British Values through our daily collective worship, whole school systems and structures. We also actively promote British Values through ensuring that our curriculum planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring these values.

At Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our successful School Council and as Eco-Warriors. The School Council consists of two elected representatives from each class; the elections of members of the School Council is based on pupil votes. The Council has an elected Chair, Vice Chair and treasurer. Each class has two Eco-Warriors, democratically elected, who work with their classes to ensure we are environmentally friendly. Each year pupils discuss the "Golden Rules" the rights associated with these. Pupils have an annual questionnaire with which they are able to put forward their views about the school.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of laws and rules, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout our school day. Our 'Golden Rules' behaviour management is aligned to our core Christian values, clearly communicated expectations of behaviour and agreed class charters. If children are given verbal warnings this is always set against agreed school behaviour expectations. Children are asked to identify which aspect of our expectation they have broken to ensure that this connection is made and understood. Rewards always following the rules and living their life by the chosen set of rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

Individual Liberty:

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-Safety teaching and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs, choose the level of challenge in lessons through our differentiated success criteria, pupils are becoming increasingly more involved in child-led learning, e.g. planning and delivering child led collective worship and evaluating worship, influencing how adults deliver content in future worship.

Mutual Respect:

The vision for our school is to be a community of faith where we believe, achieve and grow together. We aim to embed through an ethos of nurture, core Christian values such as hope, peace and thankfulness. Our school ethos and behaviour policy are based around core Christian values such as 'respect' and 'responsibility' and these values determine how we live as a community at Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School. Collective Worship is planned using themes of core Christian values which are central to how we expect everyone to go about their life at our school. Children and adults are challenged if they are disrespectful in any way. Values are highly visible around the school and can be seen in displays, certificates and as part of our agreed codes.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School is situated in an area which is culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with our

pupils. This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience diversity. Collective Worship is planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures and opportunities are developed for pupils to explore Christianity as a multi-cultural world faith. Our RE and PSHE teaching reinforce this. Collective Worship and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE.

At Whinmoor St Paul's Church of England Primary School we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.