



British Values Statement

We are very proud to have many nationalities in our school with several different home languages such as: English, Polish, Shona, Filipino, Tagalog, Tamil, Malayam and Panjabi. We are a Church of England school and Christianity is an international faith; many families are drawn to our school because of its welcoming, 'family-feel' community despite being situated in a busy, diverse English town with many local schools. We are proud to promote British Values in our curriculum and through the implementation of our Equality work and other related policies such as Behaviour, PSHME and Anti-Bullying.

Unique to our school we have our Loving Four and Learning 10. Four values – respect, responsibility, honesty and aspiration – and 10 learning behaviours that we wish for all children to gain during their time here. In understanding and ultimately upholding these, the children are better placed to know and feel the Fundamental British Values that are inextricably linked. Our PSHME curriculum and indeed, our entire approach to primary education, is to better equip children for their future. We believe in developing the whole child and will challenge those who do not adhere to what we believe is right. Our motto, 'Love to learn, learn to love' and, 'With honesty, respect and responsibility, we aspire to make tomorrow a better day.' serve to enable children, using faith as their guide if they so choose, to a deeper awareness of what it means to be a good citizen in Britain today.

The children have opportunities to learn about the current life and times of our Royal Family, as well as its deep History. The children have many opportunities to learn about a range of faiths and how they are both similar and different to Christianity. Pupils are able to take part in a range of democratic activities with a real purpose such as debating; standing for election and voting for school council places; House Captains and Vice Captains. They learn about what is/is not against the law in an age appropriate way, including with reference to being safe online. Our mission is delivered through Christian Values which reflect the British values of individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs however we would go further and say that we celebrate diversity rather than tolerate it!

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy - values of:

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

and this definition still stands under the new September 2014 standards for schools and the Equality Act.