



BRITISH VALUES in Church Valley Schools Federation

Visitors will notice that we have a very special jar of pebbles on display in the reception foyer of the school. The pebbles in the jar represent the school as one community. Every person joining our school community has made a promise of what they could bring to the school as they placed their pebble in the jar. This reminds us that each one of us is an individual but we come together to make one body.

In 2011, the government set out its definition of British values. They are:

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

In the federation we actively promote these values across the school. Our termly collective worship reinforces these values, our curriculum reinforces these values and our whole school ethos reinforces British values.

Democracy

- We have a school council and elections are held to appoint its members.
- Children are involved in decision making processes, for example with staff appointments or asking their views on the development of new school buildings.
- Through our ethos we provide pupils with a broad knowledge of and promote respect for, public institutions and services.
- We encourage class debates so pupils can express their views.
- Through the curriculum opportunities to study other cultures and their systems of democracy are included in the learning, for example Greek and Roman democracy
- Opportunities to discuss democracy in Britain and how it works are highlighted and discussed in class, for example the General Election

Rule of Law

- We have a clear set of rules for the children to follow in the school. As soon as they enter school pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules.
- We have a code of conduct for both staff and governors.
- We help pupils to distinguish right from wrong.
- We teach them that rules are there to protect and help them.
- The Behaviour Policies state that all members of the school communities have both rights and responsibilities towards each other and towards the community as a whole.
- Through the curriculum we look at how rules have been and are applied to countries and issues around the world.
- Over the time pupils will have visits from police who will do talks and lead assemblies.

Individual liberty

- We focus on developing their self-esteem and self-confidence and encourage them to make choices.
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and those of others.
- They are encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviour.
- We have a strong anti-bullying culture.



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Mutual Respect

- We promote respect for individuals, their differences, their strengths.
- We help pupils to acquire an understanding of, and respect for their own and other cultures and ways of life.
- On school trips children are taught to respect the places they visit and we promote positive behaviour at all times.
- We encourage our children to support causes, charities, making them aware of the plight of others around the world and the respect and support they need from us as Christians.
- We encourage children to get involved in our local community, whether singing in a care home, playing sport or taking part in a local event like an eisteddfod.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

- We actively promote diversity through celebrations of different faiths and cultures both in our worship and the curriculum.
- We challenge prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour.
- We visit places of worship.
- Discuss differences between people, their cultures, faiths, ethnicity, and disabilities.
- Visitors are encouraged to share their knowledge of faiths and beliefs to further enhance knowledge and understanding.

In Church Valley Schools Federation, Christian values are central to our school ethos, they help guide and support both pupils and staff. Parents are encouraged to support our values and within these British values play such a big part. We will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist views'. In this way we have developed a safe and secure environment for our children to grow.

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Signed :

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