

St Catharine's CE Primary School



Values Policy

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St Catharine's C of E Primary School

Our Mission Statement/Motto

Love, Believe, Achieve

Underpinned by scripture

'Love one another just as I love you'
John 15 v12

Our Christian Vision

Here at St Catharine's our children are at the heart of all that we do. We are committed to providing a loving, safe Christian community where together we prepare our children for future success. Through our innovative curriculum, we empower and inspire a lifelong love of learning, where our children achieve their full potential as we love, believe and achieve together.

Our Christian Values

Thankful**ness**
Ho**p**e
Perse**v**erance
Res**pe**ct

Values Education

We blend Christian teaching and Values Education in order to create opportunities for children to develop emotionally, personally, socially, mentally and intelligently so that their self esteem and well-being is sound and supported by ever growing emotional intelligence

leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens. The systematic introduction of common values vocabulary allows children to access moral and ethical thought. The values we explore on a rolling programme are:

Forgiveness and justice

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their rights and the rights of others. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect. At Saint Catharine's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development is taught throughout the curriculum and through everyday interactions within school.

Promoting British Values at Saint Catharine's Church of England Primary School.

These values are reinforced regularly.

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their Class Charter. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules. We have a Young Governors which meets regularly the Deputy Head Teacher to discuss issues raised in their class. The Young Governors have the power to suggest activities and affect change within school. Every child on the Young Governors is elected by their class. Our Young governors are linked to the Governing Board. They meet termly with the Chair of Governors.

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 Saint Catharine's. Expectations in EYFS are in regard to conduct. The Reception Rules permeate across reception. Pupils are taught the value and reason behind the laws that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

At Saint Catharine'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 pupils to make informed choices through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our safety and RHE lessons. Our enrichment programme also offers several opportunities for example KS2 sailing, the residential, bikeability. They also understand that with rights come responsibilities.

Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs.

At Saint Catharine's we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education, and RHE lessons reinforce the messages of tolerance and respect for others. The children in our school who follow other faiths are comfortable and confident to talk about these.