



St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary School

Teaching British Values Policy

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Rationale

It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, is given the opportunities to thrive and flourish and that each person is treated fairly and well which is demonstrated through our school vision.

Our Vision

Through our Christian values we will **aspire** to be more like Jesus; **believe** all as having equal worth and dignity in God's eyes and help all our children to **achieve** their God-given potential knowing that,

'we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us'

Philippians 4:13.

The school's SMSC policy, driven by our vision, motto and core values is a key factor in the success of our school Mission which states:

Our mission will be driven by our vision, motto and values so that together, **we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.** We will:

- Foster a secure, happy, and nurturing Christian environment where all can **aspire, believe and achieve.**
- Offer a well-disciplined school in which high expectations encourages **friendship** and **forgiveness.**
- Have at our heart collective worship that will provide all with opportunities for spiritual awareness and development.
- Provide high quality RE that develops religious literacy and a deeper understanding of the rich diversity of our world, recognising that all have been created in the image of God.
- Give our children the confidence to develop **endurance** in times of difficulty and have **hope** for their future.
- Establish effective links between home and school that enables parents and teachers to work together for the benefit of their child so that they can **achieve** their God-given potential.
- Develop a PSHE and RSE curriculum that prepares our children for the challenges of modern Britain.
- Encourage **love** and **compassion** in our children **believing** all have equal worth and dignity in God's eyes

Promoting British Values at St Luke's

The DfE have recently reinforced the need **"to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."**

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At St Luke's these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

□ **Democracy:**

Democracy is rife within the school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Pupil Council and Pupil questionnaires. Many activities across the curriculum have outcomes that are voted for by the pupils including voting for choices of prize when awarded whole class/group rewards.

□ **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school worship. 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. Visits from and to authorities such as the Police; Fire Service and Road Safety, are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

□ **Individual Liberty:**

Within school, 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 choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons/family groups. Whether it be through choice of challenge, of how they record, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

□ **Mutual Respect:**

Part of our school mission statement focusses on Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and worship related to what this means and how it is shown. Respect for others is promoted through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.

□ **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

We are a Christian school where the importance of tolerance, understanding and kindness are taught with skill and dedication and integrated into every aspect of the school life. For example through Values themes in worship; through focusing and raising money for charities in UK and overseas aid; through development of pupils to lead and care for one another; through bringing parents together to meet and learn as part of our school community; through emphasising the importance of knowing about each other's differences in order to remove stereotypes and barriers.

As a school we belong to a very diverse local community. At St Luke's we strive to enhance pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society, by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Worship and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. The school has an identified team of staff and a Home School Liaison Officer, who, as part of their role, visit and work with new arrival pupils and families to welcome them into the community; identifying their cultural and learning needs and helping them integrate and become familiar with the school community. Through RE and PSHE, members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge and culture, to enhance learning within classes and the school. Visits are arranged to local places of worship.