

## Promoting and Teaching British Values – Policy Statement

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“With God, all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26



### **Promoting British Values at Crowton Christ Church C.E. Primary School**

The DfE has 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.”



#### **Democracy**

We listen to children’s and parents’ voice. Our school behaviour policy is clear that children are expected to contribute and co-operate, taking into account the views of others.

#### **The Rule of Law**

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules) that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

#### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, children 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 children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

## **Mutual Respect**

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and children are modelled this by caring, sharing and listening to others. The staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others.

## **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/carers to participate and support our multi-cultural events.

### **Promoting British Values in Crowton Christ Church Primary School**

The DfE have 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 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014.

### **At Crowton Christ Church Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:**

#### **Democracy**

We have a School Ethos group with members from Key Stage 2. The Ethos Group meets regularly with Miss Porter and when appropriate, the Headteacher and a school governor. The aim of the meetings is to seek the children's views and opinions on a range of school issues. Sometimes the group members feedback to the school and sometimes they collect class views which they represent at the meeting. Through our curriculum, children are taught about and encouraged to respect public institutions and services. We do this by inviting into school a range of visitors from the local community as well as visiting places in the area.

#### **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 Crowton Christ Church Primary School. Visits from authorities, such as the Police, NSPCC and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Despite our pupils being very young, children are taught from an early age the rules of the school. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind our school rules, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when rules are broken. Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the academic year.

For more information, please read our school Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Policies in the Policies section of our website.

#### **Individual Liberty**

At Crowton Christ Church Primary 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 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 E-Safety and PSHE work. We have a robust Anti-Bullying culture with behaviour and safety policies in place.

### **Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our Christian values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

We provide opportunities for the children to visit places of worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school.

The school supports a variety of charities each year and plans fundraising and awareness-raising activities to support those charities.