

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

At St Andrew's we value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate these. We have found this approach to be enriching for all parties as it teaches tolerance and respect for the differences in our community and the wider world. Underpinning all of this are a range of curriculum topics which have strong links to the British Commonwealth. This statement outlines the key British values we actively promote.

DEMOCRACY

Children are regularly involved in the Democratic processes, eg voting for school councillors, house captains, and through pupil voice and questionnaires. The school council is led by the Head Teacher and a Governor and adheres to democratic processes, reporting any actions to the Governing Body. Our lunchtime competition involves rewards that the children are involved in choosing.

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 collective worship. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws in lessons, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. The children have written and adhere to our own class rules. We have a clearly structured behaviour policy which is followed by all and utilises various strategies to reflect on events and incidents. We regularly review behaviour in school.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Our school vision and ethos revolves around Core Christian Values, reflected in our weekly assembly themes. We promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom rules. Our PSHE curriculum embodies the values of mutual respect and we actively promote an attitude of equality and fairness through PE and Games lessons. Our older pupils promote mutual respect by working with other, younger pupils across the school during lessons and also lunchtimes.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. 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 lessons.

Children are taught to make choices of challenge, of how they record, and of how they participate in lessons. Through our clubs and opportunities, pupils are provided with the freedom to make choices. The aims, ethos and vision statement are embodied in all that we do.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS

Even though our assemblies celebrate our Christian faith, they are regularly planned to include stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our R.E curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures. We recognise the cultural backgrounds of pupils and encourage them to share faith and family stories. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Our school is proud of its strong link with the Annerlibi School in Uganda. Pupils benefit from shared communication between our schools, as well as being involved with Parish initiatives. Sponsored Muslim child in Bangladesh used as focus in Year 2 English Curriculum

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL PRAYER

Our School Prayer, displayed in our hall and classrooms and used regularly, reminds our children of the British values highlighted above, that apply to ALL people.

This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
Love of one another,
Love of life itself and
Love of God.
Let us remember,
That, as many hands make a house,
So many hearts make a school.