

# Christ Church C.E and Lewis Street Primary Schools British Values Policy



	Christ Church C.E	Lewis Street
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Designated Governor	S. Herath	M. Bossons

## Statement of intent:

This policy sets out the framework in which Christ Church C.E and Lewis Street Primary Schools will ensure that they actively 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 (including those with no belief).

These values are officially taught through the **Religious Education (RE) and Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum**, and are further nurtured through the schools' ethos and the promotion of **spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC)** understanding.

## Legal framework:

This policy will have consideration for the following guidance:

- Ofsted, School Inspection Handbook, 2016.
- DfE, Improving the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, 2014.

This policy is carried out in conjunction with our following other policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- RE Policy
- Collective Worship Policy (Christ Church C.E)
- SMSC Policy

## Roles and responsibilities:

1. We understand the importance of promoting British Values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum.
2. The Executive Headteacher and both Heads of School will ensure that all teachers and staff are aware of the requirement to uphold and actively promote British Values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.
3. Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, fundamental British Values.
4. Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the Behaviour Policy.

## Democracy:

At Christ Church C. E and Lewis Street Primary Schools, pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard, for example through pupil questionnaires and the School Council. Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn, to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

## The rule of law:

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1. Christ Church C. E and Lewis Street Primary Schools have a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and for the consequences when laws are broken. Pupils in all classes are involved in the creation of **class and** school rules, to inspire them with this understanding.
2. At Christ Church C. E and Lewis Street Primary Schools, pupils are taught **about this value**. They are also taught the reasons behind the laws that are essential for their well-being and safety, whether these laws govern the class, the school or the country. Pupils are allowed healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law.
3. Christ Church C. E and Lewis Street Primary School staff organise visits from authorities throughout the academic year in an effort to reinforce the reality and importance of this message.

### Individual liberty:

1. At Christ Church C. E and Lewis Street Primary Schools, we foster a safe and supportive environment, in which pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. This may be by choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club; pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.
2. Pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on online safety and in our PSHE lessons.
3. Pupils with Special Educational Needs will be given support to ensure that they are able to make informed choices within a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

### Mutual respect:

Respect forms a core pillar of the ethos at both schools in the Partnership. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect. This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy.

**The new 'No Outsiders' scheme upholds the work that we do on this Value.**

### Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs:

1. Christ Church C.E and Lewis Street Primary Schools acknowledge that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society, and through the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.
2. Throughout the year, assemblies are held focusing on bullying, with reference to prejudice-based bullying, and discussion is encouraged. We hold an Anti-Bullying Week each November.
3. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs (**including those with no belief**) is supported by the RE and PSHE curriculums.
4. We encourage our pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning.

### Staff training:

At Christ Church C.E and Lewis Street Primary Schools, staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British Values. Staff will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.

### Review:

This policy will be kept under regular review by the Executive Headteacher and amended as necessary to reflect any changes in regulations.

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