



British Values Statement

The DfE have recently identified 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.”*

At Holy Trinity Primary School we believe these British Values are not taught discretely in lessons, these values permeate every aspect of our work: teaching and learning, pupil voice, curriculum content and above all the way in which we, as a community, display respect, tolerance and care for each other.

At Holy Trinity we have our own school code that very much reflects the fundamental British Values identified by the Department for education; but we view these values as ‘Worldwide Values’ with a shared focus on law, liberty, respect and tolerance:

Law – The need to understand and abide by rules, regulations and laws is fundamental to our approach to Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural ethos at Holy Trinity Primary School. Pupils learn the reasons behind laws and the fact that there are always consequences when laws are ignored or broken. Examples include Sex Education, where pupils learn about the ‘age of consent’ – why it is important and how it is there to protect young people.

Liberty – At Holy Trinity children are encouraged to make choice from the moment they start school. From day one children are empowered to make choices about their own learning, from solutions to problems to selecting after school learning opportunities. As they begin the process of secondary transition our children begin to make good decisions. We emphasise that although we have liberty, liberty can only be sustained by making good choices e.g. we are free to use the World Wide Web but freedom is reliant upon making responsible ‘online’ decisions using ‘e-safety’ knowledge introduced and developed at Holy Trinity.

Respect – As shown in our code, respecting rules, property and other human beings is fundamental to our work. Our harmonious school community is sustained by the expectations set out in our Behaviour Policy. Our children are also taught that through mutual respect we can offer an exciting and innovative learning experience through trips, visits, visitors and working ‘outside the box’. On another level we promote respect of our history and the sacrifices made by others (Remembrance Day, Victory in Europe, Historical Studies) and show appreciation for the work of others who improve the quality of our lives (Emergency Services, Armed Forces, Volunteer Groups and Charities).

Tolerance – Tolerance is at the heart of our school. Tolerance extends beyond the freedom of worship and faith; it extends to the tolerance of views and freedom of speech within a framework of mutual respect. At Holy Trinity children are encouraged to be forgiving, accepting and patient. We encourage our children to challenge intolerance and unfairness in an appropriate manner. The life of Malala Yousafzai is held up as inspiration and an example of a child who stood alone against ignorance and intolerance.