

Cuckney C of E Primary School

British Values Statement



Dream, Believe, Achieve

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Mission Statement

Our school values, and our adopted British Values, are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

Here at Cuckney Church of England Primary School we will endeavour to ensure the new Notts Religious Education curriculum (2021-26) is fulfilled, including the promotion of the 'British Values' section. We promote these British Values through our social, cultural, moral and spiritual education. This helps to create rounded individuals and support our whole school philosophy of 'dream, believe, achieve' – *Nothing will be impossible with God; Luke 1:37.*

This is achieved through positive modelling of British Values, alongside the active promotion of our whole-school core values - *Tolerance - Compassion - Forgiveness - Personal Responsibility - Honesty – Morality.*

Democracy

The teaching of democracy promotes the belief in what is fair and just. It allows for a trust in the school system, which feeds well into another of the British Values - mutual respect. Children will always be listened to, and responded to, by adults. They are also encouraged to listen to the views of others in return. It is important children learn to understand the value of equal rights and shared opinions. Our school council works on a democratic basis and this is brought into the classroom in further ways, such as job delegation, tidying responsibilities amongst others.

Rule of Law

Rule of Law has its importance at Cuckney as we want to instil a respect for authority combined with an understanding of the way the world works. Good members of society will be well rounded individuals who have an understanding of right and wrong. We provide this education on the difference between the two and ensure rules are followed in order to keep everybody safe. Children at

Cuckney are rewarded for their good behaviour and taught about the consequences that may arise from these rules being broken.

Individual Liberty

At Cuckney, children are taught about the importance of individuality - how every child is unique, different and special. It is important that children know their personal human rights to make sure they understand whether these are being met or not. Children are encouraged to understand when saying 'no' is appropriate too and how to take responsibility for the individual rights they have. We encourage independence and the importance of making our own choices in a supporting environment in order to create valued citizens. The support we provide for each child has many benefits to the development of the individual, such as self-esteem and learning to understand themselves as people.

Mutual Respect

All people produce their best when they feel valued as individuals and feel they are being treated fairly. Our behaviour policy is based around the idea of fair treatment and that is why we reward and resolve in equal measure where appropriate. Mutual respect is embedded in the school community as it is actively promoted by all staff throughout the school day. Children are given the opportunity to enter the wider school community by representing Cuckney at local events, sporting activities and educational visits and have chance to put this ideology into practice.

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Children are taught to understand the beliefs and faiths of people from other cultures firstly through Religious Education sessions, but also through whole school community events. These include whole school assemblies, key stage assemblies, topic sessions and themed events. It is important that children at Cuckney are taught to celebrate the successes and important parts of other

people's lives. A range of different religions are covered by our whole school RE planning, where different religions are studied in a variety of detail by different classes when appropriate. Whilst the beliefs and values of Christianity are primarily promoted through the 'Understanding Christianity' scheme of work, the Agreed Syllabus helps our children to further explore other religions, primarily Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism. We provide opportunities to learn why these different beliefs are important to different individuals and what we can do to support and respect those beliefs that are separate to our own.

We aim for the children of Cuckney to be able to:-

- Understand that they are responsible for their own actions and behaviour, realising what they can do to contribute to our whole school ethos.
- Develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem through an enriched curriculum full of opportunities for personal development
- Distinguish between right and wrong, both from a moral aspect and using and interpreting the rule of law.
- Respect the ideas, beliefs and faiths of others and to be able to discuss and debate any matters sensibly and fairly.
- Appreciate the wider world around them so that they can become a valued citizen and member of society throughout their lives.