

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School



British Values Policy

St Nicholas Priory CE VA British Values Mission Statement

Our school reflects British values. We aim to be at the heart of the community, sharing, supporting and learning together with everyone as equals. Our children are entitled to high quality learning experiences to enable them to be the best they can be.

We encourage our children to be creative, confident, open-minded, independent and unique individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world.

We aim to nurture our children in their journey through life so they can grow into caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British Society and to the world.

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Statement of intent

This policy sets out the framework in which St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School will ensure that it actively promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

These values are officially taught through the Religious Education (RE) and SEAL curriculum and are further nurtured through the school's Christian ethos and promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) understanding.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key "British Values" are taught in all UK schools. The definition of British Values was set by the Government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

- The school follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees there will be NO discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status
- The school recognises the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever changing nature of Great Britain. It also understands its vital role in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly or illegally influence them

Signed by

Name **Date.....**

(On behalf of the Governing Body)

Headteacher..... **Date**

Next review date: Summer 2018

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy will have consideration for the following guidance:

- Ofsted, School Inspection Handbook, 2015.
- DfE, Improving the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, 2013.

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

- Religious Education Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti- Bullying Policy
- SEN Policy
- PSHE Policy
- EAL Policy
- Disability Inclusion Policy
- Anti-Racist Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1. St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School understands the importance of promoting British values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum.

2.2. The Head Teacher will ensure that all teachers and staff are aware of the requirement to uphold British values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.

2.3. Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, the fundamental British values.

2.4. Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the school's Behaviour Policy and the Christian culture and ethos of the school.

2.5. The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team will regularly review the teaching of British Values and its impact.

3. Democracy

3.1. At St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard through Learning Ambassadors, RE Ambassadors and the pupil-elected school council and House Captains.

3.2. Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

4. The rule of law

4.1. St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Our pupils are involved in the creation of school rules and class contracts to inspire them with this understanding.

4.2. At St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School pupils are taught these values and the reasons behind laws, whether they govern the class, the school or the country, that are essential for their well-being and safety. Pupils are allowed healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law. Visits from outside agencies and other visitors reinforce this important message.

5. Individual liberty

5.1. At St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School we foster a safe and supportive environment where pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.

5.2. 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 e-safety and SEAL lessons.

5.3. Robust anti-bullying and behaviour policies emphasise everybody's rights and freedom in a safe learning environment.

6. Mutual respect

6.1. Respect forms a core pillar of St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School's ethos. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect. This is reflected through its teaching and learning environment.

6.2. This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy, Anti Bullying policy, Anti-Racist Policy and the Christian ethos of the school.

6.3. Pupils are encouraged to express their views in a safe environment where their views will be respected.

7. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School acknowledges that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.

7.1. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is supported by the RE and SEAL curriculum.

7.2. We encourage our pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning.

7.3. This is reinforced through our Anti-Racist and EAL Policies.

7.4. The school strives endlessly to ensure its pupils leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to British Society.

8. Staff training

8.1. At St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British values during their thorough human resources induction.

8.2. Staff will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.

9. Review

9.1. This policy will be kept under regular review by the Romy Simons (RE Coordinator and School Promoter of culture and ethos) and amended as appropriate to reflect any changes to regulations.