



Ashlands
Church of England
Primary School



Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of One Another
'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10.

Statement of British Values

In support of the Department for Education (DfE) document: Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools, November 2014.

At Ashlands Church of England Primary School, our vision, “**Life in all its fullness**” (**John 10:10**), underpins all that we do. We believe that by fostering a **love of learning, a love of life, and a love of one another**, we nurture children to become responsible, respectful, and active members of society, rooted in Christian values and British values alike. We celebrate the diversity of our pupils, families, and wider community and are committed to promoting the fundamental British values of:

- *Democracy*
- *The Rule of Law*
- *Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs*
- *Developing Personal and Social Responsibility*
- *Respect for British Institutions*

British Values in Action – Rooted in Our Vision

Love of Learning - we encourage children to develop curiosity, confidence, and a deep sense of moral responsibility by:

- Promoting democratic values through our School Council and leadership roles.
- Providing opportunities to learn about law, governance, and active citizenship.
- Teaching respect for diverse perspectives through class discussions, RE, and PSHE.

Love of Life - we inspire children to flourish in all aspects of life by:

- Encouraging them to take responsibility for their actions and choices.
- Teaching about human rights and the importance of fairness and justice.
- Equipping them with digital literacy and online safety skills for the modern world.
- Celebrating British traditions and global awareness through cultural and community events.

Love of One Another - We model respect, compassion, and kindness, ensuring that every child feels valued and supported by:

- Embedding Christian values of love, respect, and forgiveness into school life.
- Upholding a culture of inclusion and tolerance, celebrating differences.
- Addressing discrimination and bullying with a firm commitment to justice and fairness.
- Partnering with local organisations, charities, and faith leaders to foster community engagement.

How Our School Develops Children's Understanding of British Values

Democracy

- Facilitating a democratic process for electing pupil leadership roles, including school councillors and the running of the council.
- Teaching about the democratic process in Britain, at both a local and national level.
- Encouraging participation in communities and pressure groups, fostering active citizenship.
- Promoting turn-taking, fairness, and respect in class and extra-curricular activities.

The Rule of Law

- Teaching children an understanding of human rights, particularly UNICEF's rights of the child.
- Implementing clear school and class charters to ensure respect and responsibility.
- Educating pupils on the law-making process and their role in society.
- Addressing bullying, discrimination, and inappropriate behaviour seriously, mirroring the attitudes of British society.

Individual Liberty and Combatting Discrimination

- Teaching the concept of freedom and personal choice.
- Delivering an RE curriculum that fosters understanding, tolerance, and respect.
- Promoting equal opportunities in academics, extracurricular activities, and sports.
- Encouraging open discussions in subjects like RE and English to respect diverse opinions and beliefs.

Developing Personal and Social Responsibility

- Encouraging pupils to take on responsibilities within the classroom and school.
- Supporting children in taking responsibility for their own behaviour, work, and belongings.
- Providing digital safety training for pupils and parents.

Respect for British Institutions

- Celebrating British festivals and events, such as Remembrance Day, Christmas, Easter, and national charity days.
- Inviting representatives from the police, charities, and the local church to engage with pupils.
- Educating children about Parliament, major national events, and the importance of civic engagement.

A Commitment to the Future

Through our curriculum, daily interactions, and school ethos, we empower children to live out British values in a way that reflects 'Life in all its fullness', shaping them into thoughtful, engaged citizens of both Britain and the wider world.

This statement has been agreed by:

Governors

Teaching and Non-teaching Staff

School Council

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