



# Shankhill C of E Primary School

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.*

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## British Values

At Shankhill Church of England Primary School, we take our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain very seriously, recognising the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever changing society that we live in.

We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school.

Since September 2014, the Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values more actively and ensure that British Values are taught across the school.

The five key British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our school ensures children have plenty of experiences during their time with us where these concepts can be shown, through for example, sporting events, class visits and the use of outdoor education centres. The examples below show some of the many ways Shankhill C of E School seeks to instil British Values.

### Democracy:

Our school council is democratically elected and regularly seeks the views of pupils on issues such as school improvement, fund raising ideas, charity events, fairness and equal opportunities. We have a local Councillor on the school's Governing Body who regularly visits us, as well as supporting the work of the school council. We also have a very supportive and active parent/teacher association in school. We regularly ask parents to let us know their views and any ideas to make our school a better place.

### The Rule of Law:

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, school, or the country, are consistently reinforced across the school on a daily basis. We present a strong message in terms of a code of conduct and the importance and reasons behind these rules. The school has a comprehensive behaviour policy which is respected by everyone and reviewed regularly with our children.

The school has links with the local community services. We have had visits from the local police and we have visited the fire service who spoke to the pupils about keeping themselves safe and acting responsibly as good citizens should.

### Individual Liberty:

Our reward systems and weekly celebration assemblies promote positive behaviour in school and every child is encouraged to be the very best person they can be. All pupils are encouraged to become

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independent learners, developing a thirst for knowledge and making informed choices from about their learning to the afterschool club they wish to commit to.

#### Mutual Respect:

There is a strong ethos of respect at Shankhill C of E Primary School. We expect and hold the highest expectations for everyone in our school community. Adults actively model respect to one another and with the pupils. We teach the pupils to take pride in themselves, their work, their school and local community. We are also striving to encourage the pupils to become good digital citizens, through the online safety curriculum and participation in Safer Internet Day. The message of mutual respect is demonstrated every day and reinforced through daily collective worship and weekly PSHE and circle time.

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

We strive to provide lots of opportunities for our pupils to learn, understand and tolerate those of different faiths and beliefs. Our RE Policy includes key aims to enable pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, practices and lifestyles. The pupils take part in real life experiences as well as enriching experiences such as visits to Carlisle Cathedral, Carlisle Taqwa Masjid Mosque, the Jewish Life Exhibit and Lanercost Priory amongst several local churches.

We have daily collective worship in school and this is delivered once a week by the Vicar from St Mary's Church, Stapleton.

We have several children with English as an additional language who make good progress at our school because their home languages are valued and celebrated.

We hope the pupils who attend Shankhill C of E Primary School will leave at the end of Key Stage 2 with the skills that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

Here are some images which illustrate how we have promoted British Values throughout our daily life and curriculum recently: