



Promoting British Values at Elsenham Church of England Primary School

At Elsenham Church of England Primary School we value the diverse backgrounds of all pupils and families. We aim to teach the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individuality and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs through a variety of events and lessons which will celebrate these values and allow children to have a deeper understanding of how to demonstrate them. Once each half term, we will celebrate each value by dedicating a day to learn more about it, presenting our learning in a whole school assembly at the end of the day.

Democracy:

At Elsenham Church of England Primary School, children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through discussion within their classes and the school council. Each class vote for their representative and have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings with their representative, as well as get feedback on how issues are solved.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of 'Laws', whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout the curriculum and the school's behaviour policy. Children agree their own class rules at the start of each year in order to decide on what makes a positive and healthy learning environment. We have visits from members of society who deal with the law and visits from authorities help to reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty:

Children are actively encouraged to make choices at school and, as a school, we provide opportunities to make these in a safe and supportive environment. We also aim to create an environment where children feel able to become resilient learners who are not afraid of a challenge.

Children are nurtured to help them gain confidence and independence, knowing their rights and responsibilities within the school and how to exercise them appropriately. We teach these through our ICT, E-Safety and PSHE lessons. It is important for children to make their own informed choices and this is demonstrated on a daily basis, whether it be, through choice of lesson challenge, choice of meal at lunch or choice of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs:

Elsenham Church of England Primary School is a multicultural village school that has a strong relationship with our Church. Our Christian values of Love, Courage, Wisdom, Compassion and Truth form a huge part of how we live as part of the school community. Children have the opportunity to learn about those who follow a different religion or culture through carefully planned RE lessons and these values are also embedded into our school behaviour policy. Displays around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom rules and our daily conversations and expectations. Our school behaviour system recognises excellence and pupils are given leadership roles throughout the school through duties such as play leaders and school councillors. The school Worship Crew also take one assembly per week and ensure that these values are covered.

As a school, we aim to give children an understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity through visits linked to our RE curriculum.