



Lindley CE Infant School

British Values Statement



Through our firm Christian Foundation, children in our school quickly begin to recognize the values of the Christian faith. Our Core Christian Values along with the promotion of Children's Rights ensure that 'British Values' are an intrinsic part of our ethos and school culture.

Lindley CE Infant School is committed to serving its community and we recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith area that we live in. We understand the crucial role our school plays in promoting British values.

The Government has stated that British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

Our Core Christian values are:

- Respect
- Friendship
- Trust

These values are intrinsic to school life and our children can communicate and explain how they contribute to the excellent behaviour in our school. The children live out these values in every day school life and they underpin British values as they are reinforced regularly through the relationships, language and attitudes in school as well as through many practical opportunities:

Democracy: Article 12 (UNCRC) states that 'children have the right to have a say in matters that affect them'. School has a well-established system of democratic elections for the very active School Council

The Rule of Law: Article 41 (UNCRC) states that 'if the laws of a country protect children better than the articles of the Convention then those laws must stay in place'.

School teaches children that everyone, children and adults alike are to be given respect. Adults are the duty bearers to ensure that children can access their rights and therefore must be respected as Article 3 states that 'adults must act in the best interests of the child'. As a core School Value, respect is built into everything we do and say.

Individual Liberty: Article 2 (UNCRC) states that 'The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from'.

Lindley CE Infant School has an inclusive approach where all children are recognized as individuals and their individual potential is 'grown'.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance: Article 14 (UNCRC) states that 'every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights'.

Assemblies and Collective Worship teach respect for all, R.E. lessons teach children about other faiths, children visit places of worship of other faiths,

Children learn about other faiths throughout the curriculum and topics encourage celebration of similarities and differences.

Lindley CE Infant School has a reputation for its involvement in local, national and global celebrations and events, such as;

- Remembrance Day
- The Poppy appeal
- Send my Friend to School
- Children in Need
- Red Nose Day
- Sports Relief
- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Harvest Appeal for CART
- Salvation Army Toy Appeal
- The Welcome Centre – Food bank donations
- Anti-bullying week
- Walk to school week
- Lindley Carnival
- Love Lindley Events