



British Values Statement - Newbottle & Charlton CEVA Primary School
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'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength [and] You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
(Mark 12:30-31)

"Fundamental British Values are the attributes that have in this century and the last, made our country one of the greatest forces for good.

"They're the values that bind us together, that mean despite the many differences in our patchwork nation, we're united as one people."
(Nicky Morgan, education Secretary, Jan 2015)

The Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values more actively from September 2014, and to ensure they are taught in schools.

At Newbottle and Charlton CEVA Primary School we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We value the ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate and explore these alongside other cultures in our country.

The 5 British Values:

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

We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school and linked to our Christian values already embedded within school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts. Our creative curriculum approach provides excellent opportunities to deepen and develop understanding developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of our children.

Loving and valuing everyone is a central element of Christian behaviour and is at the heart of the life of the school. Newbottle & Charlton CEVA Primary School is a place where we learn how to love God, one another and ourselves. This is achieved through collective worship, religious education and the application of Christian Values to relationships within and beyond the school.

We strive to nurture among everyone a real sense of purpose of who we are in the world and how special and unique we are in the eyes of God.

We aim to be a Christian family where all are appreciated and respected and we endeavour to inspire children to create a better world through thoughtful respect and tolerance.

Through our Christian Values of peace, thankfulness, friendship, justice, trust, compassion, wisdom and forgiveness we engage children in learning that helps them be respectful towards others and be aware of their feeling, emotions and beliefs. Our curriculum threads SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) across all areas of learning and school life and ensures pupils are aware of the history and values of Britain and prepares pupils for life in modern Britain.

We develop children's knowledge, understanding, and awareness of Christianity, as the predominant religion in Great Britain, and of the other principal religions represented in this country.

We encourage admissions from all those entitled to education under British law regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status. We are an inclusive school.