

# **British Values**

## **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

The significance and meaning of our Christian vision and associated values ensure tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. St Botolph's C of E Primary School enhances pupils' understanding of different faiths and beliefs through our RE curriculum, which reinforces an understanding of other religions and cultures, as well as through our selection of texts in English and topics covered in History and Geography. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to other faiths as well as visit our own church and each term we come together to mark a significant celebration in each of the six major religions of the World.

## **The Rule of Law**

At St Botolph's, the importance of laws – whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country – are consistently reinforced. At the beginning of each school year, each class discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. Our pupils are taught that laws are there to govern and protect us; the responsibilities that this involves; and the consequences when laws are broken.

## **Democracy**

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a pupil School Council team which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in each class and across the school. The School Council member from each class is voted for by their peers. Children are able to share their views and ideas for the school through their representative. In Year 6 we have house captains who represent their house in events such as Sport's Day and also in our weekly Celebration worship.

## **Mutual Respect**

Respect is an important value of our school and can be seen through our Christian vision and associated values, which are deeply embedded in all that we do at the school. The pupils know and understand that we show respect to everyone and to everything. We value differences and the opportunity to

recognise what makes us all unique. All members of the school community treat each other with respect, where courtesy and good manners towards everyone is expected at all times. Children treat others how they would want to be treated themselves. They learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. Pupils are given the opportunity to reflect on behaviour and understand their impact upon others. As a Christian school, we encourage forgiveness and restore respect through this.

### Individual Liberty

Our behaviour policy is underpinned by everyone's rights and responsibilities. We educate and provide boundaries for our young pupils supporting them to make the correct choice safely, through the provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through a choice of learning challenge, of how they record or of their participation in our extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices and express their point of view.

