



A Guide to 'Values Education' for Parents

- What is it?
- How does it impact on my child?
- How can I help at home?

What are values? Values are universally accepted principles that guide our behaviour. These values are based on the qualities that the school consider pupils to need to develop into good learners and valuable citizens, as well as to become fulfilled, happy individuals. Through direct learning, modelling by adults and reflection time, we can support children in their emotional well-being and personal resilience.

As a Church school our Distinctive Christian Character is at the core of all we do, and although these values are described as Christian Values, they are also basic human values common to all people whether they have religious faith or not.

The values we focus on are: Thankfulness, Peace, Compassion, Hope, Service, Community, Justice, Trust, Forgiveness, Courage and Love.

Each half term we focus on one value. The value is introduced in both Collective Worship and class. In line with our commitment to 'Living Our Values', all members of the school community make reference, notice and reward children as they demonstrate their values throughout the day, in class and beyond. In Celebration Assembly each week, children may receive a special mention.

What part do adults in school play? Adults consistently model these Values and act accordingly. We also ask that adults visiting school reflect the Values when speaking to other adults.

What part do parents play? Through our regular newsletters, we inform parents about the current Value, explaining what we have been thinking about in school. We ask all parents to reinforce these Values and our newsletters give some simple suggestions for supporting children at home.

Values Award

If you would like to nominate anybody in school (child or adult) for a Values award which will be given out at one of our in Celebrations assemblies (every Friday) please write to Mrs Fraser explaining how you think that person has been living the value and why they deserve the award.

Values Mark

We are proud to be a school with the Values Quality Mark, one of the first to achieve this back in 2010, and have built on our commitment to Values Education ever since.