

## Promoting British Values at Weston All saints C of E Primary School

On 27th November 2014, The Department for Education published guidance on promoting British values in schools to ensure young people understand the importance of respect and leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

The Prevent Strategy of 2011 set out the duty of schools to actively promote the following values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

At WASPS we actively promote these values through our own Christian school values, curriculum and enrichment activities. We believe that these values are firmly embedded into the whole ethos of the school not only through our teaching but by the positive relationships and examples set by our staff.

Pupils learn about democracy through age-appropriate curriculum content on the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of a voting system. Older pupils learn how democracy and the law works in Britain, in contrast to other forms of government in other countries. Pupils also experience the working processes of democracy through some class decisions being made using a voting system and through a number of school council representatives who speak and act on the behalf of their peers.

Our Positive Behaviour Policy is based on recognising and rewarding good behaviour. At the start of every school year, the need for class rules is emphasised and pupils are involved in making class rules for the benefit of all. These are referred to throughout the year. WASPS Whole school Golden Rules have been agreed and are displayed in every classroom. They are understood, appreciated and followed.

In all areas of school life, children are taught how to earn trust and respect and are supported to develop a strong sense of morality, knowing right from wrong and doing the right thing even when it is difficult. Children are taught to value themselves, know and respect their own rights and the rights of others. We actively encourage pupils to support equality and the protection of others ; raising money for specific projects including local and national charities is a regular undertaking, often led by the school council.

Through circle times, our Christian values and our PSHE program, children are taught about personal responsibility, choices, ambition and aspiration. They are taught to respect each other, to be cooperative, collaborative and supportive. Pupils are encouraged and supported in taking part in a wealth of activities where they experience and learn to be part of a team, appreciate the talents and efforts of others and find their place in a mixed-age range group. Pupils are taught that people have the freedom to hold a faith of their choice and that this is their right as long as others are not intimidated by their speech or actions. They are taught to accept and embrace differences, that differences should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour.

In all we do, our WASPS golden rules are reinforced – do what you think is right; don't follow the crowd; treat others as you would like to be treated.

