

Values in Practice



Values underpin everything we do at school; however some events are specifically planned with nurturing values in mind. Being a Church of England school they are Christian, but they are not exclusive to the faith. Stories from other faiths and cultures are used in order to develop an awareness of similarities between all people regardless of race, religion or culture.

Collective Worship (Assembly) is the main vehicle for promoting values and we follow up our monthly themes in class through the curriculum and at break times through play and sharing. We expect staff and children to set examples by showing the values in their behaviour and treatment of others.

Golden Book Assemblies are our time of celebration—an ideal opportunity to boost self esteem as well as praise children and staff for values.

Respect: I am unique and valuable. I like who I am. I respect others and the environment. I listen to others.

Care: Looking after ourselves, our belongings, our family, our friends and others as well as the environment.

Understanding: Really seeing, really listening - empathy for other people and creatures. Why do they do that? Having feelings for others.

Generosity: A willingness to share - our time and possessions - without reluctance or fuss. Jesus gave us himself!

Motivation: Being curious, having ambition, going for goals. Quality of 'high hopes' with perseverance and enthusiasm.

Resilience: Faith in self, determination to succeed despite setbacks, courage, patience and faith in self.

Responsibility: Being fair, doing your share of the work, taking care of myself and others. Do your best at all things.

Honesty: Saying and doing what is right. Being truthful and trustworthy. Not cheating or stealing. A clear conscience—brings trust!

Faith: Confidence and trust in someone or something. Belief in word or honour.

Co-operation: Working as a team. Having good wishes for others. Recognising everyone's role—being positive!

Hope: A feeling of expectation. Believing you have both the will and the way to accomplish your goals. Being optimistic!

Values Education at Castle Camps C. of E. Primary School

'Learning together in a caring & creative environment'

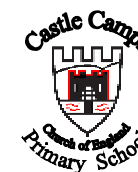
The basis of our aims is the belief that education relies on a successful partnership between home and school underpinned by Christian values.

We do this by:

- providing a happy, safe and caring environment
- developing positive relationships based on respect for self and others
- creating stimulating and exciting opportunities for learning

Information
for Parents / Carers

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Our Values Philosophy

Value – 'worth'

Why do we behave the way we do?

It is our values that determine our thinking and behaviour. They are the 'standards' by which particular beliefs and actions are judged to be good or desirable. They help us to make decisions and evaluate the actions of others.



Children around the world are increasingly affected by violence, growing social problems and lack of respect for each other and the world around them. Castle Camps C. of E. Primary School, part of the Linton Cluster of Schools, has put in place a values system to help nurture values which will support a positive impact on society.

Here is the list of 11 values the School and families have chosen to nurture in our children:

Respect, Care, Understanding, Generosity

Motivation, Resilience, Responsibility

Honesty, Faith, Co-operation, Hope

Promoting Values

Values Education supports the school's curriculum through promoting our chosen values. The values are woven into every area of school life and ideally we would like them to be embedded at home too.

Supporting at home

Each month a guidance note will be sent home and posted on the school website providing definitions, vocabulary to use and thoughts. The most important thing to remember is that you are a role model. Children learn by copying. Consider how you behave and how you react to events. Consider each value in turn and think about what it means. It certainly has influenced us at school.



Benefits for the children

Values Education brings lots of benefits for the children. These include:

- Behaving more calmly and purposefully;
- Increased self awareness and self accepting;
- More consideration of others;
- Greater responsibility—for their conduct and their ability to make choices;
- Improved listening skills;
- Greater self confidence and self esteem.

Benefits for the parents

Due to the heightened awareness of how one's behaviour influences others around them, Values Education will hopefully make home life run more smoothly with less of a need for consequences and more opportunities to reward positive behaviours.

