

## **RE and British Values at Childwall CE Primary School**

At Childwall CE Primary School we understand that the fundamental British Values are widely recognised as universal values which you would expect to find in any democratic society. Our aim in school is to address these wherever possible in the curriculum so that our children are immersed in those concepts on a daily basis.

Our Christian values of compassion, thankfulness, kindness, honesty, forgiveness ensure that British Values are implicit and embedded in all that we do. This is part of our long term plan to prepare our children for living in modern Britain where we value every individual person, whether child or adult. We actively promote equality and diversity. It also means that we will promote through discussion, respect for democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths. Evidence for this will come from work in classes as well as the various clubs and school councils. We will challenge opinions or behaviours in anyone who does not uphold these values.

The Department for Education statement about British Values reads: 'We want to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'

In our RE lessons we have a strong grounding in the teachings of Christ and, when appropriate, the children are introduced to celebrations and rites of the major religions. From this they can then begin to identify similarities and draw comparisons between different faiths. Through the framework of their own experience, they learn to understand and respect the experiences of others. They are also enabled through their knowledge to challenge ideas about religion and recognise and challenge intolerance.