

Thrussington C. of E. Primary School.

Promoting British Values

The DfE has reinforced the need “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, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.” Schools play a large role in promoting British Values with future generations.

At Thrussington Church of England Primary School, such values are regularly promoted.

It is important to emphasise to our pupils that many people around the world – regardless of their nationality - hold these values dear.

Rule of Law

This keeps us safe by making sure that people do the right thing.

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days and through Collective Worship. The School’s Behaviour Policy supports this.

Individual Liberty

As long as we do not break the law, we can live our lives as we choose and hold our own opinions about things.

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make informed choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely through e-safety and PHSCE lessons.

Democracy

The people vote for whoever they want to run the country.

The children experience democracy first hand through the election of our school council. The elections of the School Council members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting the British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action. The school council plays an important part in the decision making at Thrussington Church of England Primary School, representing pupils’ views. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern and sensitivity to each other. Children have opportunities to give their views on aspects of the school.

Mutual Respect

We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings.

At Thrussington Church of England Primary School, we explore the meaning and importance of mutual and self- respect and emphasise its place within the school and beyond. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their rights and those of others. Children are regularly invited to consider the situations of others where respect-both mutual and self – have no place and the difference it makes to the quality of life.

Tolerance of Different Beliefs

Thrussington Church of England Primary School is situated in an area that is not greatly culturally diverse. Therefore, great emphasis is placed on promoting diversity with the children. Our RE and PHSCE teaching reinforces this with many different cultures and religions being celebrated by the whole school. This includes addressing prejudices and prejudice-based bullying. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

At Thrussington Church of England Primary School we will challenge those pupils, staff, parents, visitors and all those associated with the school, who express opinions that are contrary to fundamental British Values.