

## Promoting 'British Values' in our school- St Nicholas CE VA Primary

All schools are required to promote British Values, defined by the government as:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

We believe that within our ethos and day-to-day school life, St Nicholas CE VA Primary School embraces these values through:

- our School Council
- Class and whole school charters that provide clear guidelines on how we should behave individually and collectively;
- Assemblies, E-Safety and PSHE lessons that help children to understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, whilst offering guidance on how to exercise these freedoms safely
- Our school's core Christian values, that are explored through Collective Worship and embedded in our curriculum and ethos
- Visits from the emergency services and our Safer Schools teams, that reinforce the need for rules that govern and guide us
- Our curriculum design that promotes, positive relationships, choice and collaboration.
- RE curriculum – that explores different faiths and cultures
- An ethos that is inclusive and recognises and celebrates differences

“We encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of the teachings of Christ, alongside promoting tolerance and respect for other cultures and faiths, and those expressing no faith. The Christian values of Love, Hope and Trust are at the centre of all the experiences we provide and permeate all we do.”

Ethos Statement [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)