

# Cockerham Parochial C of E Primary School



*'Where a love of learning grows'*

**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me**

**Philippians 4.13**

## **British and Social Values Policy**



*'Nothing is so fatal to the well-being of our children as remaining indifferent to the education we provide for them.'*

*Robert John Meehan*

**Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny.**

**Mahatma Ghandi**

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## **Aims**

Cockerham Parochial C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring pupils receive a high quality Christian education. This reflects a caring, committed attitude, which helps all adults and children achieve the highest possible standards. At Cockerham School, every individual is valued for who they are in the image of Jesus Christ and what they contribute to the school. Our British and Christian Values are principles that drive behaviour, influence our actions and attitudes, and become our scaffold for life. They influence our relationship with ourselves, others and our wider society. The Christian and British Values promoted at Cockerham School are values which are important within the school community and which will be important throughout life. They will prepare children for life in modern Britain. They underpin all we do in school and we strive to share, encourage and demonstrate positive values in order that our children understand them and grow to live by them.

## **Vision**

We want the children of Cockerham School to become confident, secure, responsible and caring individuals who achieve personal success, develop a commitment to lifelong learning and have the potential to shape and direct their own futures. In order to do this, we aim to provide a curriculum which is not just about subjects. We present our curriculum through high quality care, welfare, learning and teaching. Through this vision, we encourage our pupils to learn, grow and achieve as unique individuals learning together.

## **Methodology**

At the core of a values education is a set of agreed principles that underpin all aspects of school life and work for everyone within our community.

“The best way to transmit values is by example.”

Values are not dependent on race, culture, class or religion. The process of Values Education is holistic and developmental. Children need to have planned opportunities to explore, develop, practise and internalise lasting spiritual and moral values, in order to be prepared for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

## **Values**

At the heart of our school are a set of core values. These are embedded in our Statement of Intent which was written by a working party of pupils, staff, governors and parents and underpins all aspects of our curriculum and school life. We also have twelve Christian Values. These are identified in our worship plans and have been agreed by staff and children. Our values are reinforced by the core British Values of: rule of law, tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, democracy and individual liberty mutual respect.

Our Christian School Values are:

**Cycle A**

Autumn 1 – Generosity

Autumn 2 – Compassion

Spring 1 – Courage

Spring 2 - Forgiveness

Summer 1 – Friendship

Summer 2 - Respect

**Cycle B**

Autumn 1 - Thankfulness

Autumn 2 - Trust

Spring 1 - Perseverance

Spring 2 - Justice

Summer 1 - Service

Summer 2 - Truthfulness

Through a Values centred education, the community of Cockerham School aims to:

- Provide a calm and caring community where all children and adults are valued equally.
- Raise expectations and secure positive attitudes to learning.
- Achieve a real, measurable and beneficial difference in behaviour and conduct
- Strive for happiness and a positive, responsible attitude towards school life.
- Ensure pupils and adults are challenged to reach the next step and reach their potential.
- Achieve the highest standards possible in supporting pupils to achieve.
- Encourage pupils to become creative and independent learners, using a variety of learning styles.
- Promote values to pupils in every aspect of school.
- Develop self-confidence and self-discipline.
- Respect and value others.
- Have excellent support and guidance from all staff in partnership with parents and governors
- Encourage our school community to make healthy choices.
- Have a personal pride in being part of our school and the wider community.
- For all staff to model the school and fundamental British values such as mutual respect, tolerance and the rule of law.
- To prepare children for life in modern Britain.

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## **Responsibilities**

### **For all staff and adults working in the school to:**

- Have high expectations of what each child can achieve.
- Teach effectively, using a suitable approach, allowing children to learn and understand.
- Promote British and Christian School values in the way in which adults interact with each other and pupils.
- Uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour.

### **For the curriculum to:**

- Teach a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.
- Teach the National Curriculum to all children at all levels, according to their age and ability.
- Ensure children are prepared to become responsible citizens.
- Provide planned opportunities that develop attitudes and skills of pupils.

### **Expected outcomes:**

- Qualitative improvement in pupils' behaviour and attitudes.
- Quantitative improvement in standards and academic achievement.
- Improved ethos, relationships and pupil behaviour.
- Improved working conditions for children and staff.
- A curriculum that develops spirituality and enables children to develop as reflective and responsible learners.

## **British Values**

At Cockerham School we are committed to the development of community cohesion and the prevention of extremism and radicalisation both within our school's physical boundaries and within our local, national and global environments. We are also committed to respond to community concerns or local disturbances in a positive way which supports British democratic society. We believe that sharing our values with parents, carers and our community is essential in supporting our children through their journey in school and life. We acknowledge and understand the importance of the role that our community has to play and appreciate the need to inform them of the values work that we do.

We will ensure that:

- We share our values work through newsletters, website and value of the half term.
- Share resources, as appropriate, with parents and children, so that values work can be followed up at home.

- Parents can have access to information regarding the curriculum via the school website and half-termly curriculum maps so they can fully understand the principles behind our curriculum and values education.
- Parents, carers and our community can celebrate our values work through assemblies, newsletters and the school website.
- We celebrate and embrace the diversity of our community through visits, celebration days, multi-cultural weeks