Grange C. E. School

Statement on British Values

The Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values more actively from September 2014, and to ensure they are taught in schools. At Grange CE School we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We value the ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate and explore these alongside other cultures in our country. We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts. Our cross curricular approach provides excellent opportunities to deepen and develop understanding developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of our children. The school makes considerable efforts to ensure children have exposure to a wide experience beyond their local community, through for example, sporting events, a range of visits and use of outdoor education centres and links with other schools in the U.K and abroad. Their strong rooted valuesbased understanding which is a central part of our work as a church school, gives them an excellent platform for embracing difference. At Grange CE School, we value the voice of the child and promote democratic processes such as our school council and pupil parliament whose members are voted for by the children. Ideas and events are planned and discussed with a chance for debate and putting forward points of view. Children are given responsibility to mentor and support other children in games and activities so that they are fully involved in all aspects of school life. For example, we have a 'Buddy' system for welcoming new children throughout school and our Playleaders scheme. The older children are also partnered up with the youngest children for support in aspects such as reading. Children from Reception to Year 6 are in mixed aged house groups which come together for activities such as science and outdoor days and sporting events which are planned throughout the school year. We expect all our children to be good role models for each other, which is encouraged through high expectations of behaviour and living out of the school core values of love, hope and trust.

The fundamental British Values:

- The rule of law
- Rule of democracy
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with other faiths

Democracy

Statement	Evidence	Impact
The children at Grange CE	School Council established each	Children respect decisions that
School see democracy borne	year after pupil vote.	are made.
out in a variety of ways and see	Voting in of house captains and	
this as an essential component	deputies.	Children work cooperatively in
of successful team work.	Pupil Parliament set up during	groups, teams and in pairs in

2015/16 with Milnthorpe	classroom and out of class
Cluster.	activities.
	They understand that it is
Voting by school for end of year	important to respect the views
awards for Y6.	of others and that everyone
	should be given a chance to
School collective worship and	share their view.
assembly policy for learning	
about values.	
Whole School behaviour policy.	

Rule of Law

Statement	Evidence	Impact
The children at Grange CE	Class Charters -linked to our	Children are able to articulate
School are familiar with this	work on Rights Respecting	how and why we need to
concept through the ethos and	Schools.	behave well in school and
values of the school. They		demonstrate that they can
discuss values and guiding	School rules and home-school	abide by these rules.
principles and relate the rule of	contract signed by all pupils,	incidences of poor behaviour
law to their own lives.	parents/carers and the headteacher.	are very low.
Children are familiar with the		They understand that all parties
local police PSCO who visits and	Rewards charts and house	should be given the chance to
talks to them informally. They	points charts in each classroom.	put across their view and
are used to debating and		experiences and that others
discussing laws/rules and how	School Values -values of the	should listen to them before
they are applied.	half term linked with collective	making decisions that involve
	worship and SEAL.	them.
	School Council and Pupil	Children understand that they
	Parliament meetings.	have rights, but that these
	-	come with responsibility.
	Lessons on the role of	
	parliament and law and visit to	They are able to discuss and
	the Houses of Parliament by Y6.	debate issues.
	Collective Worship	
	RE planning and work	
	Learning Walks and behaviour	
	for learning	

Individual Liberty

Statement	Evidence	Impact
Our values based discussions	Children are able to show	Children understand that it is
and acts of collective worship	increasing independence in	important to accept

begin with discussions about the self e.g. self-respect. Children must see that they are important and everyone is unique and special. Our teaching and learning places emphasis on the right to have our own thoughts and views.

Children are encouraged to develop informed independence in learning and thinking through our learning as a church school.

learning and to think for themselves -see this in lessons, acts of collective worship, play times etc.

They learn about Unicef Rights of the Child in lessons and in collective worship.

They take part in events that support others to have individual liberty e.g. sports relief, children in need.

responsibility and that they have a right to be heard.

They are consulted on many aspects of school life and demonstrate independence of thought and action.

Mutual Respect and the Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs

Statement	Evidence	Impact
Respect is a value that is key to	Records of collective worship	Children show respect in
all we do. We pay explicit		school and can articulate why
attention to this as part of our	RE curriculum and RE planning	it is important to show this and
global work across all learning	and work.	know about the faiths and
and specifically in RE. PSHE		beliefs of others.
and SMSC curriculum.	Global Learning work	
	evidenced in folders and	Children show excellent
Respect and learning about	displays in school.	behaviour and demonstrate
others beliefs is embedded in		this value in action.
our work as a school	School holds the international	
community.	Schools Award at the highest	Children are able to talk about
	level.	other faiths and cultures. They
		feel able to ask questions to
	Learning Walks for behaviour	gain information .
	and learning from and about	
	school values and Rights of the	The school holds the ISA.
	Child.	
		SIAMS inspection -Carlisle
	Enrichment visits such as to	Diocese evidences the global
	Preston Hindu Temple and the	awareness of our pupils.
	Buddhist Temple at Ulverston.	