

Heene CE Primary School

British Values Statement

“Together in faith, we love, grow and learn.”

At Heene CE Primary School, our Christian vision — *Together in faith, we love, grow and learn* — shapes our identity as a Church of England community. Rooted in the belief that every child is created in the image of God, we are committed to enabling all pupils to flourish academically, socially, morally and spiritually.

Our six core values — **Kindness, Confidence, Resilience, Hope, Curiosity and Respect** — guide our daily life together. These values help pupils grow into compassionate, courageous and responsible citizens who contribute positively to modern Britain.

We celebrate the diversity of backgrounds, cultures and beliefs within our school. Our curriculum encourages pupils to explore their place in God’s world, appreciate the richness of different cultures, and develop a deep sense of justice, dignity and respect for all.

The Department for Education requires 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. At Heene, these values are lived out through our Christian vision, our worship, our relationships and our curriculum.

Our Vision and Values in Action

Our Christian vision and values underpin all aspects of school life. They shape how we learn, how we treat one another, and how we understand our responsibilities within our community and the wider world.

- **Kindness** encourages compassion, generosity and care for others.
- **Confidence** helps pupils speak up, participate and believe in their own worth.
- **Resilience** supports perseverance and courage when facing challenges.
- **Hope** inspires optimism, faith and a belief in positive change.
- **Curiosity** nurtures a love of learning and a desire to explore God’s world.
- **Respect** ensures dignity, fairness and value for every person.

These values provide the foundation for our approach to British values and spiritual development.

How We Promote British Values at Heene CE Primary School

DEMOCRACY

- Pupils learn that their voice matters, reflecting the Christian belief in the dignity and worth of every individual.
- School Council elections model democratic processes and encourage **Confidence** and responsible participation.
- Pupil voice is sought through surveys, class discussions and involvement in decisions about school life, charities and events.
- Collective worship explores themes of justice, fairness, wisdom and community.
- Through RE and the wider curriculum, pupils reflect on how Christians and people of other faiths contribute to society and public life.

Spiritual Development Link:

Pupils learn to listen deeply, reflect on differing viewpoints, and consider how their choices contribute to the common good.

RULE OF LAW

- Our behaviour expectations are rooted in Christian teaching about justice, forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Pupils learn to distinguish right from wrong through worship, RE, Life Skills and daily interactions.
- Visits from the Police, Fire Service and other authorities help pupils understand the role of law in keeping communities safe.
- Our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies promote dignity, safety and fairness for all.
- The value of **Respect** is central to how we treat one another and how we uphold shared expectations.

Spiritual Development Link:

Pupils reflect on moral choices, consider the impact of their actions, and explore Christian concepts such as forgiveness, repentance and restoration.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

- Pupils are encouraged to make choices within a safe, supportive Christian environment where every child is valued and loved by God.

- We help pupils develop **Confidence**, **Resilience** and self-knowledge, recognising their unique gifts and potential.
- Children learn about their rights and responsibilities, including how to stay safe online and in the wider world.
- Vulnerable pupils are supported and stereotypes are challenged, reflecting our commitment to equality and justice.
- Pupils take on roles of responsibility, such as supporting younger children or contributing to worship.
- A wide range of clubs, activities and learning challenges encourage **Curiosity** and personal growth.

Spiritual Development Link:

Pupils explore what it means to live freely and responsibly, reflecting on Christian teachings about free will, purpose and human flourishing.

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

- Respect is a core Christian value at Heene. Pupils learn that every person is loved by God and worthy of dignity.
- Through RE, collective worship and Life Skills, pupils learn about Christianity and other major world faiths.
- We encourage open, respectful discussion about beliefs, identity and culture.
- Visitors from different faith communities and visits to places of worship enrich pupils' understanding.
- Staff and pupils challenge prejudice and discrimination, promoting equality and celebrating diversity.
- Our curriculum includes global themes that help children understand their place in God's world and reflect on British and Christian values.
- Celebration Worship (Shine a light) recognises kindness, respect, service and behaviour that goes "above and beyond," reflecting our values of **Kindness**, **Hope** and **Respect**.

Spiritual Development Link:

Pupils develop empathy, compassion and a deeper understanding of the beliefs and experiences of others, recognising the shared humanity of all people.

Collective Worship and British Values

Collective worship is central to our school life and plays a significant role in promoting both Christian and British values. Through worship, pupils:

- reflect on biblical teaching that connects with themes of justice, peace, service and community
- explore stories that highlight fairness, compassion, courage and moral responsibility

- consider how Christian values relate to British values in everyday life
- develop spiritual practices such as stillness, prayer, reflection and gratitude
- learn about courageous advocacy and how they can make a positive difference in the world
- celebrate diversity and recognise the dignity of every person
- encounter visitors from different Christian traditions and other faiths

Worship provides a safe space for pupils to ask big questions, explore meaning and purpose, and deepen their understanding of themselves, others and God.