



Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School

Our vision as a Church of England school is to inspire each other to show the Christian Values of **Friendship, Respect, Courage** and **Creativity** within our community.

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TOGETHER we use our **HEART, HEAD** and **HANDS** to become **CARING, CONFIDENT** and **CREATIVE** learners.

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Ethos

At Great Wilbraham Church of England Primary School, children come first and our priority is to deliver high quality teaching and learning by providing rich and truly enjoyable learning experiences. Our school is based upon Christian principles where Christian concern is shown for all teaching and non-teaching staff, governors, parents and children. By enabling our children to discover and develop their talents and spirituality, we will give them the strong foundations that will enable them to make a positive contribution to their community and leave us as lifelong learners.

Ely Diocesan Ethos Statement

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and Diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practise. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

Values

Our vision that 'Together we are caring, confident and creative learners' intrinsically links to the Church of England Values for Life of which the Core Values for this school are **Friendship, Respect, Courage and Creativity.**

Together:	Friendship	Forgiveness	Trust	Service	Koinonia
Caring:	Respect	Peace	Thankfulness	Compassion	Agape
Confident:	Courage	Justice	Humility	Responsibility	Generosity
Creative:	Creativity	Truthfulness	Hope	Perseverance	Wisdom

Aims

At Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School we will strive to:

- Teach children how to be:
 - CARING for the world around us and TOGETHER show RESPECT and FRIENDSHIP to everyone
 - CONFIDENT in their knowledge and have COURAGE to be effective critical thinkers
 - CREATIVE and acquire key skills to lead a healthy life physically, emotionally, socially, morally, spiritually and culturally in order to adapt to an ever-changing society
- Promote Christian values, in accordance with the principles of the Church of England, whilst respecting the rights, beliefs and culture of each person
- Foster close-knit links to the local and Church communities promoting co-operation and responsibility and become caring members of these communities in an atmosphere of mutual support of the school
- Create a secure and stimulating environment where curiosity and the enjoyment of learning is paramount
- Provide a curriculum that is broad, balanced, relevant, progressive and appropriately differentiated;
- Give opportunities for children to fulfil their true potential and explore and develop children's values, beliefs and spiritual awareness
- Offer all children equal access to school life where individual differences are appreciated, celebrated, understood and accepted and value the individual interests and talents of each child
- Provide a supportive culture in which all staff are encouraged to extend, develop and share expertise
- Promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
- Encourage children to become good citizens, by developing caring attitudes and respect towards themselves, other children, adults, their school and their community

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Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development

At Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School we promote SMSC through the following examples:

Spiritual

Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; respecting oneself, others and the world around us; use imagination and creativity; reflect.

Moral

Recognise right and wrong; respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views.

Social

Use a range of social skills; participate in the school and wider community; support, volunteer and cooperate with each other in school; appreciate diverse viewpoints; resolve conflict; engage with the 'British values' of democracy, the rule of law, liberty, respect and tolerance.

Cultural

Appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in cultural opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

British values

The Department for Education (DfE) states that there is a 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 and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs." The definition of British values can be found in the 2011 **Prevent Strategy**. Advice from the DfE is to do so through SMSC, though Ofsted will assess it through the curriculum too. At Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. An annual questionnaire gives them the opportunity to put forward their views about the school. Our School Parliament, made up of elected members from each year group, is split into 3 ministries – Caring, Confident and Creative. Each has a key role in running the school, discusses issues raised by pupils and has the power to effect change. Visits from local MPs and visits to the Houses of Parliament and 10 Downing Street help reinforce this message.

The Rule of Law:

Laws, whether they are those that have an impact on individual classes, the school or country, are consistently reinforced throughout the school day, through collective worship and when dealing with behavioural issues. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. We are assisted in reinforcing this message by authorities such as the Police and Fire Service.

Individual Liberty:

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our online safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices through participation in extracurricular clubs and opportunities.

Mutual Respect:

Our school ethos and behaviour policy is influenced by Christian Values as stated in the Values for Life Diocese of Ely document. We promote respect for others at all times, in all situations and our mission statement, Collective Worship and PSHE lessons reinforce that expectation. Pupils know and understand that respect is shown to everyone whatever differences we have.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs.

As a Church of England Primary School we promote Christian Values but we ensure we value those with different faiths and beliefs. This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and learning about different religions through RE and PSHE lessons. Assemblies and discussions promote the learning of different faiths and beliefs and members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge.

