



Burnsall VA Primary School and Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School

The DfE have recently reinforced the 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.”*

At Burnsall VA Primary and Cracoe and Rylstone VC Primary you will encounter these values throughout our everyday school life. By the very nature of us being Christian schools we have a culture of care, tolerance and respect. Our values reiterate this and it means that our school is distinctively and recognisably a Christian institution. We believe that our Christian identity plays an important role in upholding British Values within our school community.

At our school these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Pupil voice plays a big part in life at Burnsall VA Primary and Cracoe and Rylstone VC Primary. Our pupils elect School Council members. They are elected by their class peers and are involved in making the schools better places to learn. They are involved in decision making for example voting on their House Point treat or Big Day out. We know that the active participation of our pupils will sow the seeds for a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future. Pupils understand the concept of fairness and realise that democracy is about looking after everyone not necessarily the individual getting what they want.

The Rule of Law:

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to. This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum. The involvement of our pupils in the creation of their class and school rules and values helps them to understand the reasons behind rules and the consequences if rules are broken. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including police, the fire brigade and many more. Our older pupils take full advantage of attending ‘Crucial Crew’ an event run by emergency services on decisions and dangers. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the Rule of Law for our pupils.



Individual Liberty:

We invest a lot of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged. We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests. We educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising their responsibilities and others rights. At Burnsall Primary and Cracoe and Rylstone Primary we believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.

Mutual Respect:

Both schools have Christian values woven into their everyday ethos and culture. Pupils have been part of discussions and Collective Worship related to what respect means and how it is shown. Images around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and behaviour codes. Pupils will challenge each other when not showing respect and encourage each other to be respectful.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

Whilst both schools are Christian, we offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which all major religions are studied and respected. Collective worship, circle time and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in PSHE. Through our RE curriculum, which teaches the main faiths and focuses upon learning about religion and learning from religion, we promote an understanding of the beliefs of others and the importance to believers. This helps to foster a tolerance of differences. Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable, responsible and understanding citizens.