

British Values in Church Schools



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Our work within our Diocese, Parishes and within our Church of England schools

- ▶ **Our vision - for our school and wider community it serves?**
- ▶ **Our values - which express our vision for our school and the communities it serves?**
- ▶ **Our outcomes - what we want to achieve for our school and the community we serve?**
- ▶ **Our impact - what difference are we making without our school and the communities we serve?**

- ▶ **Christian service - our schools as places of vocation and service.**

How do we support/work in our schools as they develop their vision, values, outcomes and impact?

How do we help them to be ‘deeply Christian’ and ‘serve the common good’?

Key question:

- ▶ **What is the essence of who we are that makes us distinctively a Church of England school serving our communities?**
- ▶ **Motivation**
- ▶ **Ethos and values**
- ▶ **Christian service**
- ▶ **Christian and inclusive**



Key question:



- ▶ **What is our Christian vision?**
- ▶ **Church of England Vision for Education:
Deeply Christian, Serving the Common
Good**
- ▶ **John 10.10 - ‘life in all its fullness’ at its
heart**
- ▶ **4 basic elements - summarised as Wisdom,
Hope, Community and Dignity**

Church of England Vision for Education: Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good

- ▶ **wisdom, knowledge and skills** - this includes expressing joy in learning, discipline and determination, emotional intelligence, academic rigour and creativity
- ▶ **hope and aspiration** - this includes widening horizons, healing, repentance, forgiveness, trust and compassion.
- ▶ **community and the ability to live well together** - this includes developing relationships and respect and taking responsibility for one's own actions as well as serving the common good
- ▶ **dignity and respect** - this includes recognising the infinite worth of the individual as a unique child of God leading to a strong commitment to striving for equality.

Key question:

- ▶ What sort of schools do we want our diocesan/parish schools to be?
- ▶ What sort of children/young people do we want pupils/students to be and to become through their time in our schools?
- ▶ Academic attainment and progress
- ▶ Personal development - values, virtues, character



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British Values

- ▶ DfE outlined certain 'British values' that schools are now required to promote.
- ▶ Controversial - linked to the Prevent Strategy and to the Equalities Act
- ▶ Inspected in all types of school by Ofsted - especially as part of smsc provision
- ▶ SIAMS - emphasis is on Christian values but where well or poorly integrated may get a mention. Revised framework - who knows as yet but a probable mention.....

British Values - What are they?

▶ These values are:

▶ Democracy

▶ The Rule of Law

▶ Individual Liberty

▶ Mutual Tolerance and Respect

Christian Values- What are they?

▶ For example:

▶ **Equality** (Democracy)

▶ **Justice** (The Rule of Law)

▶ **Freedom** and **Responsibility** (Individual Liberty)

▶ **Love** (Mutual Tolerance and Respect)

How do these Christian values relate to, for example, 'community and the ability to live well together - dignity and respect'?

- ▶ **Equality** (Democracy) - God-given uniqueness of each individual - recognising each person's varying gifts and talents - treating all fairly and justly (Gen 1:27)
- ▶ **Justice** (Rule of Law) - based on the justice of God - treat others equitably and justly - Golden Rule (Matt 7:12)
- ▶ **Freedom and Responsibility** (Individual liberty) - Spiritual freedom 'in Christ' - sharing the faith - working to ensure physical freedom through equality and justice (Gal 5:1)
- ▶ **Love** (Mutual Tolerance and Respect) - love stronger than tolerance and respect - love of God and love of other (Mark 12:30-31) - 2 sides of same coin - supreme example that of Jesus who 'gave his life as a ransom for many' (Matt 20.28)

Love = doing the right but not always the easy thing.

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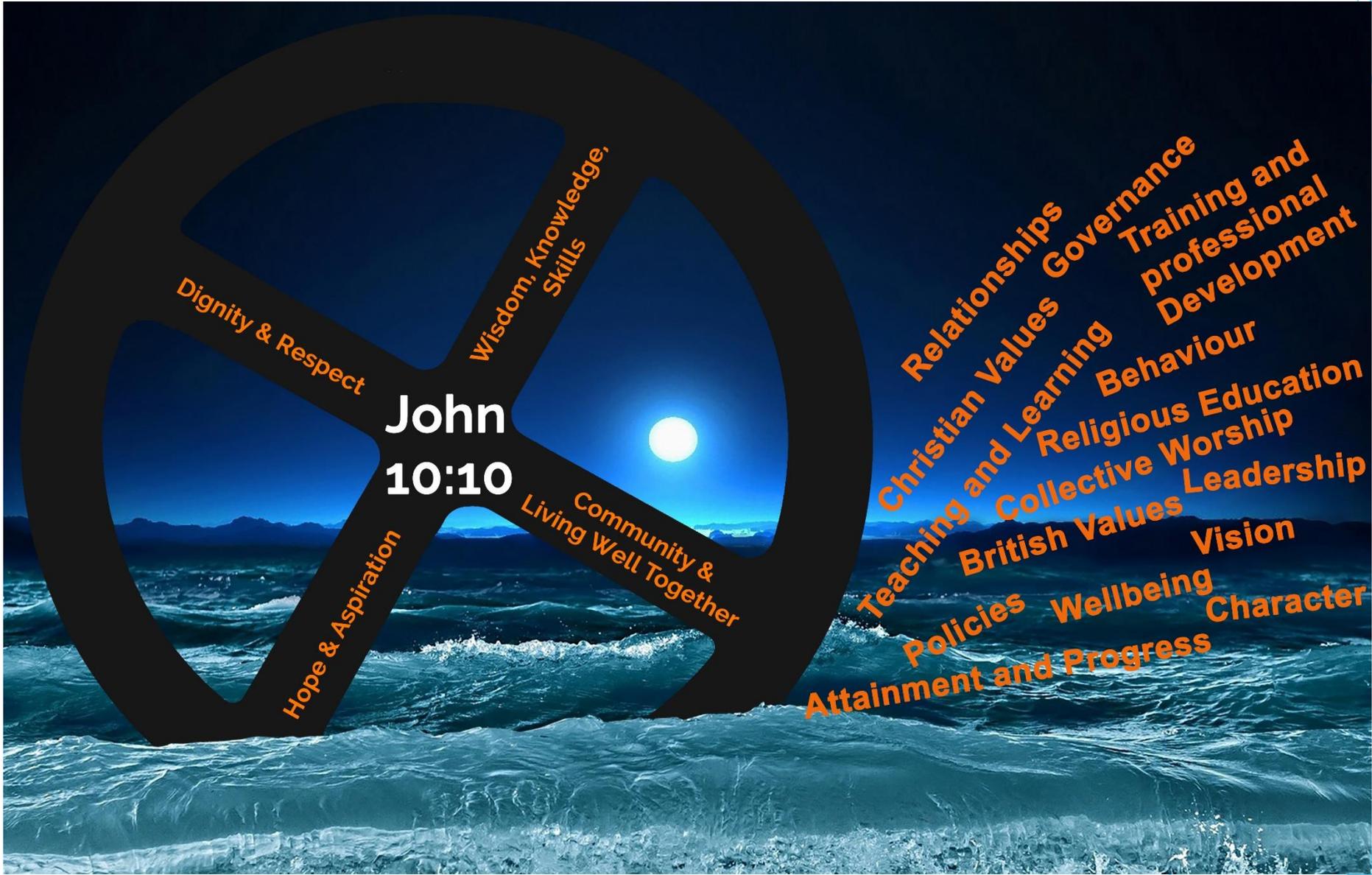
Church School Values - British Values



Christian Value	Biblical reference	British Value		
Equality	Genesis 1:27; Matthew 7:12; John 13:16; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 1:16-17, 4:1	Democracy		
Justice	Amos 5:24; Micah 6:8; Mark 1:15; John 14.21; Romans 2:13, 13:1-7; I Peter 2 13-17	Rule of Law		
Freedom	Psalms 119:45; John 8:36; I Corinthians 5:12; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1, 13-14; Ephesians 3:12; I Peter 2:16	Individual liberty		
Responsibility	Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:32, 6:4; Philippians 2:4; James 4:7			
Love	Luke 14:10; Acts 10:34-35; Romans 12:9-11; Titus 2:7; I Peter 2:17; Proverbs 17:15; Matthew 5:44-45, 7:1,12, 18:1-35; Mark 12.30. John 3.16, 8:7; Romans 14:1-4; Ephesians 4:2; Titus 3:10-11	Mutual Respect and Tolerance		
	Wisdom	Hope	Community	Dignity

Our school community - our wider community...





Dignity & Respect

Wisdom, Knowledge,
Skills

**John
10:10**

Hope & Aspiration

Community &
Living Well Together

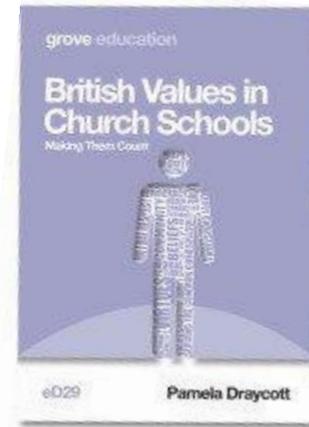
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Any questions.....?



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Reflect on The Fall - Genesis Chapter 3 Verses 1 to 24

- ▶ **Disobedience - rebellion against God - sin**
- ▶ **Disappointment of a just God - judgement on sin**
- ▶ **Broken relationship (between God and humanity and between each other/our communities)**
- ▶ **Depart from the Garden of Eden - punishment and death - justice and the beginning of process of redemption and restoration of 'perfect and good world' - where harmony is restored (vision for education - community and living well together)**
- ▶ **Salvation history - culminating in the sinless life, the innocent death and the extraordinary resurrection of Jesus (God incarnate - the second person of the Trinity - the Word of God - wisdom and hope)**
- ▶ **Restoration of broken relationship and hope for a better world as well as for heaven - living well together in community**