



COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST

Character Education

In 2015 the University of Birmingham published a 'Framework for Character Education' (jubileecentre.ac.uk). Other publications were quick to follow suit with their own take on this concept and thus a new term in education was born!

At Burham Church of England Primary School we believe that, like us, all good primary schools have always had this notion at the fore front of our aims and drives in creating learners and citizens of the future. As a church school this is based on Christianity and Christian teachings.

Indeed, our Mission Statement is:

**We aim to work as an encouraging and effective team within a Christian caring environment, founded on the love of God and the love of our fellow human beings.
We aim to achieve a standard of excellence appropriate to each individual enriching, encouraging and equipping each child for their future education.**

In Autumn 2015 staff were asked a key question regarding our core values for being in education. These are their answers:

What do you consider to be the three core values in this school? Why are we here?

- Educating children; keeping children safe; good morals – teaching respect; Christian values.
- Preparing children with life skills; teaching children to be a valuable member of the community; developing tolerance and responsibility towards others and learning.
- To provide an education where children can be open and experience faith. Which in turn encourages compassion, respect and that we are all unique.
- Christian values – responsibility, trust, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance.
- We're here to help children become happy and responsible adults.
- To be a caring, nurturing school in which children are challenged to reach their potential in a Christian environment.
- Acceptance, forgiveness, responsibility.
- To create an environment in which all children are able to learn and make progress; to promote Christian values; to safeguard the children.
- To teach them important values: trust, compassion, forgiveness.
- Compassion – being good role models; trust – being nice to each other, forgiveness – always having time to listen, forgive and say sorry.
- Trust, forgiveness, respect. Christians are here to worship and follow the teachings of God and Jesus Christ.
- Respect, acceptance, compassion; to help create confident, caring, creative adults for future generations.
- Christianity, respect, understanding. To promote tolerance, compassion and to help children feel safe so that they can learn effectively.
- Respect, valuing others, perseverance.
- Safeguarding children; following Christian values; respect. We are here to give every child the best possible education in order for them to realise their ability; to make them feel safe and valued.
- Forgiveness, responsibility and trust.
- Good education; good behaviour; Christian ethos.