

## **Our Values are for adults too - Share them with us.**

### **Parents' Guide**

We are proud of our School Ethos and the way in which all members of our community behave – between each other, and in support of each other. We take this opportunity to explain why our community behaves as it does.

Harnham Junior School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School – and our values and behaviour are based on the beliefs of the Church of England.

This means that we make our decisions and choices on Christian beliefs and teachings.

In our community there are individuals who have Christian faith, beliefs in other faiths, and some with no faith – all are accepted and full members of our community.

### **What can you do?**

Talk to your child regularly, so that they can share your understanding of different beliefs. Remember that your child cannot always build their ideas alone – they need you and the School to support them.

Help your child to feel good about themselves, by listening to their understanding of spiritual beliefs.

Reassure your child and tell them that you are going to help build shared understanding.

Be open with the School. Parents and School need a good working relationship to make sure beliefs and values are clear.

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### **And More - -**

**Friendship** - *'Developing your kindness to others' - 'Together forever' 'Never being alone' - Sticking Together - Being Someone you can depend on'*

**'Friendship is an undisputed value of our society.. true friendship enables each person to grow.. knowing God as our friend and companion is at the heart of Christian belief'**

**Respect** - *'Equality' 'Listening to and honouring someone else's feelings' - 'Trying not to hurt another' - 'Do rules matter?'*

**Forgiveness** - *'Accepting someone is sorry' - 'Staying together' - 'Letting others be sorry'*

**Koinonia** - *'Joining in' - 'Helping in the Community' - 'Participating'*



## **Harnham Church of England Junior School**



## **Holding to our Values**

## **Sharing our Ethos together**

All the Values in this leaflet have been chosen & described by the children of Harnham Junior School.

## Guide to our Values

### What are Values?

Values are words or actions that give meaning to the way we live - as individuals or as an organisation.

### What are our Values?

As a Church of England School, we have identified 12 values which we consider to be important, they are based on Christian principles:

Hope	Friendship
Prayerfulness	
Perseverance	Humility
Respect	Compassion
Truthfulness	Courage
Creativity	
Forgiveness	Koinonia

**Humility** - 'Knowing what you are good at and not thinking you are most important'

**Truthfulness** - 'We have to be honest and not lose the trust that keeps us friends'

Being honest links to being compassionate and loving other people.

**Hope** - 'Trusting in the Future'  
- 'Having Confidence in yourself'

### How do we base our Values on Christianity?

We explain the basis of thoughts in ways children can understand. To show how we do this, it's best to give an example:

'Compassion' is much stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone.

The word has its roots in the idea of 'suffering with' someone, putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act, to do something. It is not patronizing. It is not about 'doing good' from a position of strength or 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'.

### How do we share our Values?

As a School we focus on each one of our Values for a term - so that we cover all of them over two years.

We look at our Values in Collective Worship and in the curriculum, including in PSHE&C.

Around the School you will see examples of children's understanding of our Values, pictures to show what our Values look like in action and reminders for all.

**Compassion** - 'Caring for others - Appreciating how Others Feel'



**Courage** - 'Be brave to try new things' -  
'Have the courage to conquer your own fears'  
'Stand up for justice'

**Creation & Creativity** -  
'Imagination & Beauty - Expressing Ourselves - Enjoyment of God's World'

**Perseverance** - 'Working around your problems to find a way forward' 'Being independent enough never to give up' 'keeping going'

Perseverance recognises that life is sometimes difficult and painful and it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.. it is linked to self control and character building and love.



**Prayerfulness** - 'Reflecting and relaxing' - 'Time to be quiet with God' -  
'Time to share your feelings and express your needs' - 'Being honest with how you are' - 'Speaking to God'

Please see the next page to find out how as parents you may be involved with us and your children in living our values.