

St Mary's Bryanston Square

Church of England Primary School

Statement of values

As a Christian school we cherish the commandments to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' These are the foundations of our values.

Ourselves

1. We value ourselves as unique people capable of spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical growth and development.

On the basis of these values, we should:

- develop an understanding of our own characters, strengths and weaknesses
- foster creativity and imagination
- develop self-respect and self-discipline
- make responsible use of our talents, rights and opportunities
- strive, throughout life, for knowledge, wisdom and understanding
- learn to take responsibility for our own lives.
- explore opportunities for worship

Relationships

2. We value others for themselves, not only for what they have or what they can do for us. We value relationships as fundamental to the development and fulfilment of ourselves and others, and to the good of the community.

On the basis of these values, we should:

- respect others
- care for others and exercise goodwill in our dealings with them
- show others they are valued
- earn loyalty, trust and confidence
- work cooperatively with others
- respect the privacy and property of others
- resolve disputes peacefully.

Society

3. We value truth, freedom, justice, human rights, the rule of law and collective effort for the common good. In particular, we value families as sources of love and support for all their members, and as the basis of a society in which people care for others.

On the basis of these values, we should:

- understand and carry out our responsibilities as citizens
- support families in raising children
- recognise that the love and commitment required for a secure and happy childhood can be found in different kinds of family
- support the institution of marriage
- respect the rule of law and encourage others to do so
- respect religious and cultural diversity
- promote opportunities for all
- promote participation in the democratic process by all sectors of our community
- contribute to, as well as benefit fairly from, economic and cultural resources

The environment

4. We value the environment, and our place in it, as the sustainer of life and a source of wonder and inspiration.

On the basis of these values, we should:

- recognise that we are stewards of our planet and accept our responsibility to maintain a sustainable environment for future generations
- understand the place of human beings within nature and our responsibilities for other species