

# St Martin and St Mary CofE Primary School

## BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT - PREVENT

St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School is required under section 78 of the Education Act (2002) to promote the spiritual, moral, mental and physical development of pupils. Schools also need to promote fundamental British values as part of the school curriculum. Our school has developed its own agreed Christian Values and a Vision that sit alongside these principles and underpin our behaviour, attitudes and decision making.

St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School is committed to serving its community. We recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. We also understand the vital role we all have in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to mistreatment, intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

We follow equal opportunities guidance that guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. The detail of this can be found in our Single Equalities Scheme and Action Plan. St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School is dedicated to preparing pupils for their adult life beyond the formal, academic curriculum. We promote and reinforce British values with all our children, the staff and the school community.

British Values are considered and taught in a variety ways across a wide range of curriculum areas as well as forming part of our school way of life and Collective Worship.

We aim that our children will:

- Understand the democratic process and how citizens can have a say in decision making;
- Recognise the advantages to living under the rule of law and how law is essential for a safe society;
- See that there is a separation of power and why it exists;
- Understand the reasons for accountability of institutions and why courts maintain independence;
- Know why freedom of religion protects all faiths, as well as those with no faith;
- Accept that people who hold different religious beliefs should be tolerated and not be discriminated against;
- Value the importance of identifying and combating extremism.

St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School does not have to promote or teach any particular belief, view or way of life that contradicts our outlook or ethos; however, we will not promote discrimination, or accept intolerance against people or groups, on the basis of their belief, opinion or background.

We have put together three British Values statements linked to each Key Stage. Each value is also linked to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (**UNCRC**).

These are all available to view below.

### **St Martin & St Mary C of E Primary School Prevent Statement**

The aim of our practice is to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional disbelief that such issues will happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm. As with other online risks of harm, we are aware of the risks posed by the online activity of extremist and terrorist groups and ensure children are aware and safe from this, when accessing the internet.

It is understood that children with low aspirations are more vulnerable to radicalisation and therefore we strive to equip our pupils with confidence, self-belief, respect and tolerance as well as setting high standards and expectations for themselves. Our school is committed to prevention and strategies and procedures that protect vulnerable individuals from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views.

If we identify a pupil who is or may be at risk, advice will be sought from Cumbria Police (dial 101) or in an emergency/immediate threat or risk (dial 999) Cumbria's Prevent Officer is: Ross Woods ([ross.woods@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:ross.woods@cumbria.police.uk))

Referral forms or email with full details are sent to: [prevent@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:prevent@cumbria.police.uk)

All staff/governors in St Martin & St Mary C of E Primary School have undertaken The Prevent, Channel Basic Awareness Training.

The following national guidelines relate to this statement:

- PREVENT Strategy HM Government
- Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government (2018)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE (Sept 2022)