



Whitewater Church of England Primary

Dear Parents and Carers

Since arriving at Whitewater, it was very apparent that the children, staff, governors and families were passionate about the school and working together to create a caring environment where children flourish socially and emotionally and well as academically. This is an integral part of being a Church of England school.

As the school has experienced lots of change in recent years, we have revisited our school Christian values of fellowship, creativity and courage. In doing so, Sue Bowen (Advisory Teacher from the Diocese) led a training session with our staff and Governors on Tuesday evening. We discussed our current values and looked at several more and we made a shortlist.

Key questions we asked ourselves when considering our values were:

- Why do we do the roles/jobs that we do?
- What values represent our school and community?
- Which values will support our children in their life beyond primary school?

To ensure we decide on the values which best answer those questions, we want to know your thoughts. Please see the grid below. There are 12 values with their church definition included. Blue values describe what we believe to be of ultimate importance in life. Green values describe how we personally should act as people in the world. Red values describe the ethos that we want to underpin our community. Please consider which ones you feel represent our school. When you have done this, click on the link and share your thoughts.

Love Selfless service to others – putting others before ourselves.	Courage Enduring in our commitment to what is right and true – not giving in to discouragement.	Trust Sharing responsibility for each other and refusing to live in doubt and suspicion.
Justice Standing up for fairness and equal opportunities – defending the weak and powerless.	Grace Displaying generosity and kindness – showing care for others.	Friendship Working together to achieve shared goals – overcoming our differences.
Creativity Making use of our gifts to care for the world and create beauty within it.	Truth Living with integrity – saying what we mean and meaning what we say.	Hope Sharing in the joy that comes from the belief that all is never lost.
Peace Having openness and understanding so that people can live life to the full.	Compassion Showing empathy for the struggles of others and enabling them to make a new start.	Respect Valuing each other and celebrating our differences.

Values survey link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SVL4qoriXEOprLga00qENI7yEDZNsFEiKAMwz25cCdUMktTkVSVzhHRkw1QU02SUoyMVk1WENZWC4u>

The final part of the process is gaining the all-important views of the children. We will do this in school through class collective worships.

Once we have gained the views of all stakeholders, we will decide on our school Christian Values and share them with you all.

Thank you for your thoughts and contributions.

Kind regards

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