



Christian Values at St Catherine's

St. Catherine's is a nurturing community where differences are celebrated, and caring, happy children flourish. Children embrace their learning and develop skills of wisdom and resilience, enabling them to live life in all its fullness.

John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Christian values can be a contentious term! What makes nominated values specifically Christian? Are these good values not universal? It can be a difficult question to answer, and has been a point debated amongst staff, governors, parents and children at St Catherine's. A culture such as ours has absorbed centuries of Christian teaching and can hold "Christian values" at its heart without actually realising how these values originated – they are embedded into the national psyche. Good values are shared between those who profess a Christian faith, and those who do not. At St Catherine's, we know that families from every background, from every faith, and those without faith, will share our values and feel that they are important elements in shaping good adults.

At St Catherine's, we teach and talk about these values: how they look in everyday life, how they help children grow into good people, how they will make the world a better place for all. There are many worthy and virtuous values and we update key values for the school fairly regularly, always in consultation with the children.

In line with our vision, we explore values that will enable children to understand the world better and the people in it; Christian values that will help them be patient adults, who go about their daily lives with love, empathy, respect and humility, and ultimately live life in all its fullness.

