

Developing this Value in the Life of St George's CE Primary School

A Christian Perspective on Love



For Christians love -*agape*- is the key Christian value; it lies at the root of all other values. It means respect, affection, benevolence, goodwill and concern for the welfare of the one loved. It means putting others first before oneself.

(Matthew ch 5: v 43-48)

Jesus' Golden Rule is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We should not say or do anything unless we are certain that we are happy the same thing should be done to ourselves. We should also be positive about doing good to others.

1 Corinthians ch 13 v 4-7:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

LOVE



God's Love and Ours

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

John Ch 4: v7



None of you has faith until he loves for his brother or his neighbour what he loves for himself.

Source: Sahih Bukhari 13

Reflecting as a Whole School Community

Some questions to consider:

- In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show love and respect to one another?
- How do we make links with charities for those in need? Do we find ways to do good in our locality?
- How are pupils encouraged to be patient and kind and not to show off?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to show that love even to those who are not always our friends?
- How does our Behaviour policy show hope and the promise of a fresh start for those who do wrong?



LOVE is.....



Living
Our
Values
Every day



Collective Worship

We have explored the Value of Love through our Collective Worship and thought about the people and stories that inspire us. We have used reflection time to think about our own behaviours and how we might do things differently and act with Love; love for God, Love for others and love for ourselves. We have also responded through a challenge each week to help us to think more about being more loving and what that might look like.

In school, *agape* - *Christian love*- translates into an ethos of care and concern which embraces all members of the school community.

Mark Ch10 V13-16



And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

- Mark 10:16

God cares
for and
loves people
of all ages
and he
wants us to
do the same

Prayer



Thank you God for how huge your love is.

Thank you that your love reaches to the highest heaven and to the deepest ocean.

There is nowhere I can hide or run to but your love is already there.

Thank you for loving me so very much
In Jesus name
Amen



Response and Challenge.

Even though we can't measure love, kindness or helping others, these things are still important to us.

Let's all think about who might need a hug or a kind word in school today.

When we go home from school today, let's give someone in our family a hug, and see what happens!

