



| Christian Values | Whitburn 'Be Values' | |
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| Compassion | Be Kind | <p style="text-align: center;">Show compassion to everyone - Exodus 33:19</p> <p>Compassion is rooted in the idea of 'suffering alongside' someone; it is about showing empathy, being able to understand what another person is going through and responding to their need. Jesus showed compassion for those in need. His works were always prompted by compassion for people's suffering including the paralysed man (Mark 2:1-12) and his friend, Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Christians believe that God understands our suffering and is alongside us when we suffer. They believe God calls them to show compassion towards all those in need.</p> <p>In our school community, we show compassion by caring for others, 'being kind' and helping our peers.</p> |
| Creation | Be Creative, Be Inspired | <p style="text-align: center;">God saw all that he had made, and it was very good - Genesis 1:31</p> <p>This value is rooted not only in the idea of God as creator but that we should place the highest value on this earth and see life as God's gift. In Genesis, God gave humans 'stewardship'; this means rights and responsibilities to look after the earth to make sure it can sustain future generations. At times like Harvest, Christians reflect on our dependence on the earth for our survival and give thanks to God.</p> <p>In our school community, we embrace the value of creation by respecting our environment and being thankful for the sheer beauty of our coastal location.</p> |
| Endurance | Be Patient, Be Courageous, Be Resilient | <p style="text-align: center;">We keep going even when it's tough - Romans 5:4</p> <p>At its root, endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity. Jesus faced rejection, abuse and the cross and his disciples were persecuted. In spite of this, his followers did not give up, but remained committed to telling others about the love of God (Romans 8:38-39).</p> <p>In our school community, we keep going to achieve our goals supported by staff and peers.</p> |



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| Forgiveness | Be Forgiving | <p style="text-align: center;">Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us - Luke 11:4</p> <p>Forgiveness cannot be given or received unless it is asked for, and the asking must be genuine. It does not mean that you can simply say 'sorry' and everything will be ok; you have to fully accept what you have done wrong and have a deep desire not to do it again. We forgive others when we let go of negative feelings for the hurt or loss we have suffered. Christians believe that forgiveness was at the heart of everything Jesus did. For example Jesus forgave Peter after he denied him three times. Paul says: 'Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)</p> <p>In our school community, we strive to overcome our pain and 'be forgiving' of those who have hurt us.</p> |
| Hope | Be Hopeful, Be Confident | <p style="text-align: center;">My Hope is in You - Psalm 33:20-22</p> <p>Hope is a feeling of trust, a security, and a reason to keep going. It gives energy and sustains people through difficult times. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. To Christians, hope is the firm assurance that God can be relied upon and is coupled with faith and love (1 Corinthians 13:13).</p> <p>In our school community, we strive to always 'be hopeful'.</p> |
| Humility | Be Humble | <p style="text-align: center;">When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom - Proverbs 11:2</p> <p>Humility teaches us to not be arrogant but to be humble. Christians believe that our gifts are from God and that, in relation to God, all human achievement is relatively small and short-lived. The Bible teaches us that Jesus taught his followers to 'take the lower place', or 'to wash each other's feet' and criticised those who were 'confident in their own righteousness' (Luke 18:9-14).</p> <p>In our school community, we aim to 'be humble' in our interactions with one another.</p> |



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| Justice | Be Fair | <p style="text-align: center;">Follow justice and justice alone - Deuteronomy 16:20</p> <p>Justice means giving all people, particularly the poor and oppressed, what is right and fair for them to have: life, health, freedom and dignity. It is about social justice, especially for those who suffer most and are least able to protect themselves. In Exodus, the people are instructed to deal with everyone fairly (Exodus 23:2,6).</p> <p>In our school community, we encourage everyone to 'be fair' and to do everything we can to ensure others are treated well.</p> |
| Koinonia (Fellowship) | Be part of our Community, Be Inclusive, Be a Team Player | <p style="text-align: center;">The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body - 1 Corinthians 12:24-26</p> <p>Koinonia is a Greek word that means 'fellowship' or 'community'. It expresses the idea that everyone is needed and valued in a community like one big family. Christians believe that by combining community strength and being part of God's family, burdens are shared with others and things become easier to face together. 'Therefore encourage one another build one another up, just as you are doing.' (Thessalonians 5:11)</p> <p>In our school community we strive to 'be inclusive' and look after each other and accept each other, no matter who we are.</p> |
| Peace | Be Peaceful | <p style="text-align: center;">Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' - Matthew 5:19</p> <p>'Shalom' is the Hebrew term for peace which means harmony, stability and security within a community. Christians believe that we must 'seek peace and pursue it' (1 Peter 3:11). During the Church service of Holy Communion people are invited to offer each other a sign of peace by shaking hands. This is to follow Christ's instruction of 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you'. (John 14:27)</p> <p>In our school community, we aim to 'be peaceful' by working in harmony with one another.</p> |



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| Reverence | Be Respectful | <p style="text-align: center;">We respect others' views - Matthew 7:12</p> <p>In Christianity, reverence means a profound respect of God's greatness. Although Christians believe only God is truly worthy of this, it is linked to the concept of honouring and respecting one another. The Bible is full of teachings about treating people respectfully (e.g. Exodus 23:2, 6). Paul, one of the founders of the early Christian church, writes in his letter to the Romans that they should "honour one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10). Living respectfully is about creating a culture in which each person recognises that their own good is bound up with the good of others.</p> <p>In our school community we aim to 'be respectful' to all.</p> |
| Service | Be Helpful, Be a Light of the World | <p style="text-align: center;">For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve - Mark 10:45</p> <p>Service means putting yourself out and 'going the extra mile' for someone else's benefit; the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) shows we should serve those in need whoever they are. Christians believe that the purpose of service is so God can reach others through our hands. Christ washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) was the ultimate act of service. Another example is when Veronica wiped the face of Jesus as he struggled with the weight of his cross.</p> <p>In our school community we aim to 'be helpful' to each other.</p> |
| Thankfulness | Be Grateful, Be Joyful | <p style="text-align: center;">Give thanks in all circumstances - 1 Thessalonians 5:18</p> <p>Being thankful means to express our gratitude. Christians believe that we need to recognise that God has given us everything good we have in life and to be thankful to Him. Paul says that our lives should 'overflow with thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7).</p> <p>In our school community we aim to 'be grateful' and thankful for all that we have.</p> |



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| Trust | Be Trusting | <p>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me - John 14:1</p> <p>Trust is central to living together in harmony and lies at the heart of all human relationships. Trust involves being reliable ourselves and not letting people down. It also means we have to be willing to trust in others as, when we work together, everyone can be enriched. The Bible teaches to trust in God. (Proverbs 3:5).</p> <p>In our school community we aim to 'be trusting' in one another and to work together.</p> |
| Wisdom | Be Wise, Be a Learner, Be Outstanding | <p>We make good use of what we have learnt and we try to use wisdom to help others make the right choices - Proverbs 1:7</p> <p>Although related to knowledge and understanding, wisdom is different from just gaining factual information. The Bible contains wisdom literature, such as the book of Proverbs. These texts provide Christians with an insight into the way life works; it helps them gain understanding of the consequences of our thoughts, words and actions, as well as offering an opportunity to explore the true value of things.</p> <p>In our school community we aim to 'be wise' by making wise choices, guided by examples we are shown by others and to lead by example.</p> |