



Oxenhope Church of England Primary School

Asbestos Policy



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We are a community where each person is valued by God. We nurture confidence, delight and discipline in seeking the skills needed to shape life well.

Life in all its fullness; John Chapter 10 v 10.

At Oxenhope CE Primary School, we believe in a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, which provides *each child* with a chance to flourish and achieve their potential by becoming successful, life-long learners who are able to enjoy life in all its fullness. Our Christian ethos, character and values pervade Oxenhope CE Primary ensuring the exceptional personal development and academic achievement of the whole child, as well as the overall ‘well-being’ of the school community. The school is wholehearted in its commitment, putting faith and spiritual development at the heart of the curriculum.

Christian beliefs and practices that underpin this policy

<p>Love / Compassion</p> 	<p>‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ Luke 10 v 27 Just like Jesus was ‘moved with compassion’ we want to instil the children of Oxenhope with selfless kindness towards others. The ultimate aim is to do good to other people, whoever they may be.</p>
<p>Service / Community</p> 	<p>‘Serve one another in love’ Galatians 5 v14 At Oxenhope we actively seek opportunities to work together to help others. As even Jesus washed the disciple’s feet we can learn from his example and seek to do good where we can, both locally and globally.</p>
<p>Wisdom</p> 	<p>‘Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.’ Proverbs 3 v 13 As the children at Oxenhope are faced with situations and dilemmas, we endeavour to teach and direct them to make wise choices which will develop their characters and shape their lives. Wisdom is rooted in a proper reverence for God, the source of all life and values.</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p> 	<p>‘Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.’ Luke 11 v 4 These are the words we quote in our school prayer. As we appreciate how much we have been forgiven, we can forgive others.</p>
<p>Courage</p> 	<p>“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1 v 9 It is important that the children go from Oxenhope with a determined strength that they can bravely overcome whatever challenges they are faced with.</p>
<p>Endurance / Hope</p> 	<p>‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.’ Romans 12 v 12 Jesus’ followers are challenged to think of life like a race. However - NOT a short sprint but a marathon! The bible says that we are made stronger for the future every time we endure and refuse to give up. We teach our children to persevere and not give up hope.</p>
<p>Truth</p> 	<p>‘Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ’ Ephesians 4 v 15 We teach the children to be full of integrity and honesty, knowing the difference between right and wrong. If they have strong moral principles they will be the much needed light in this world. As Jesus said ‘the truth will set you free.’</p>

Asbestos Safety Policy

The following procedures are intended to ensure the safety of all staff and children within the school and any visiting contractors.

As of 2014, the school have been made aware that asbestos is present in certain areas of the school but there is no access. A map of the school is displayed in the office in the Asbestos file and in the Caretaker's room with the location and nature of any asbestos-containing materials. This must be referred to before any works / alterations are undertaken within the school. On an annual basis, the HT will remind all staff about the dangers of asbestos and the specific procedures that must be followed.

Visiting Contractors

Before any works / alterations are undertaken by visiting contractors, the following procedure must be followed:

1. All visiting contractors must be referred to Headteacher in the first instance. If they are out of school or unavailable, the Caretaker or office staff must carry out the following procedure.
2. Headteacher/Caretaker/ office staff **must** check if there is asbestos-containing materials in the area where work is planned. The school map will show this but additional information will need to be accessed. Contractors must sign to say they are aware of the location of asbestos.
3. Only after the proposed area of work has been checked as free from asbestos-containing materials should the workmen be permitted to start work.
4. **Delay caused by having to check the system is unavoidable and staff should not hesitate to turn contractors away if there is any doubt about the asbestos status of the area.**