



Oxenhope Church of
England Primary School

**School Council, Safety Squad and
Eco Warriors 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>

1 Aims and purpose

The aims and purpose of the school council at Oxenhope C of E Primary School are:

- to give pupils the opportunity to be involved in improving school life for everyone;
- to enable pupils to work as partners with staff, developing a caring school community;
- to provide all pupils with opportunities to develop skills that will be important throughout their lives;
- to involve pupils in solving problems and resolving conflicts.

2 Procedures

- Each class will elect a child to be their representatives for all 3 groups, each year.
- Each group will meet at least every half term.
- Minutes will be taken of the meetings. These displayed on dedicated noticeboards to classes to make sure everyone knows about the activities of the council.
- Reception representatives will be voted in in Spring term and will attend meetings in the summer term.
- School Council Members can wear a black School Council Jumper
- Safety Squad and Eco Warriors will have badges
- The groups will have set activities to do as set by themselves or the adult facilitator. They will then write a written report to the Head. Report format in appendix A
- The adult facilitator of each group will take responsibility of their groups notice board. These will include up to date photos of the children as well as details of their activities and minutes of meetings. (If safeguarding procedure permit a photo of a child being used on the display then the child can use a drawn picture of themselves instead)
- Each classroom will have a small space available for group minutes and representative's photos/picture
- School council take responsibility for launching and supporting big charity events such as children in need, red nose day and sports relief

3 Responsibilities of pupil Councillors

- Class representatives will report back to their class after every meeting.
- Class representatives will take issues brought up by their class to the meeting. They should put across the views of their class, not their own opinions.
- If a representative misses school meetings three times without a good reason, the class can choose to elect a new representative.
- If a representative resigns the class will elect a new representative.
- Class representatives will serve for one school year.

Adult facilitators are:

- Michelle Dawson – School Council
- Gillian Dyson – Safety Squad
- Sam Fawcett/Nichola Simpson – Eco Warriors

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