

# Mugginton Church of England Primary School

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## Courageous Advocacy

A courageous advocate is somebody who supports, champions and speaks up for a cause that is important and meaningful to them. It is the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. Speaking out, at whatever level, takes courage.

Empowering our pupils to become courageous advocates for change, therefore, must involve more than simply being informed about an issue. We intend to encourage children to embody an ethos of action-taking, challenging injustice and becoming agents of change in ourselves, our relationships and our communities, from the local level to the global.

**At Mugginton Church of England Primary School, we want to support our children to become courageous advocates, not just locally but nationally and globally.**

We teach our children that it is crucial to help others, regardless of where they come from or what their challenges are. We teach this in many ways; through conversation, our work on values, by links to the Bible, other faiths and world views as well as being inspired by other courageous advocates. We want our children to have the confidence and the tools to discuss and debate big ideas, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about meaningful change.

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."*

*(Proverbs 31: 8-9)*

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves and foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world. We embrace the Church of England's Vision for Education, which 'encompasses the whole of humanity' advocating for the widening of horizons and the promotion of human well-being for all. We believe firmly that our humanity is "co-humanity" - inextricably linked with others. If those others are of ultimate worth, then we are each called to responsibility towards them and to contribute responsibly to our communities.' *Church of England Vision for Education, 2016.*

**In recent years** we have carried out fundraising to raise awareness of issues and support those working for change, including:

- Padley Trust
- Sports relief
- Comic Relief
- Children in Need
- Appeal for Ukraine
- Derby Refugee Centre
- East Meru Community School

We aim for our children to develop awareness of what it means to belong to a local and global community and the responsibility which comes with this belonging. We need to show our connection with, and care for, the world and all the people who live in it:

- Links with local care homes – singing Christmas carols
- Earning the Bishops Badge for private fundraising to support the repair of Mackworth Church
- Support for charities of significance to our children and families such as the Padley Trust
- Visit to the Derby Refugee Centre
- School Council and Eco Council who seek views of the children, giving a voice to concerns and plans