

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

The Department of Education (DfE) have recently reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

Actively promoting these values means challenging pupils, staff or parents/carers who express opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including ‘extremist’ views. Trinity Road Primary School takes opportunities and is committed to promoting these fundamental British values in the following ways:

Democracy:

Our Junior Leadership Team, as well as our Head boy and girl are democratically elected, to give the children a real understanding of democracy in their own lives. Pupils, parents and staff all have opportunities to contribute to the school development plan, as well as having opportunities throughout the year to feedback on specific events and give ideas for future events.

The Rule of Law:

The school’s mission statement ‘Respect for all, learners for life’ is integral to school life. The consistent use of the school behaviour policy ensures that children have a clear understanding of rules and why they are necessary. These are discussed with all classes at the beginning of the year and are reinforced through displays and events throughout the year.

Staff consistently reinforce high expectations of pupils. Whenever appropriate, pupils are taught the value and reasons behind these expectations (rules), that they are there to protect us, everyone has responsibility and there may be consequences when rules are disregarded.

Individual Liberty:

Within school, everyone is actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. The school provides pupils with opportunities to learn about what makes a good choice. Pupils are encouraged to express their views and teaching and learning incorporates their preferences and interests.

Mutual Respect:

All staff demonstrate respect to everyone they come into contact with. They consistently model and promote the behaviours and attitudes that are the foundation of positive relationships. The strong school ethos encourages everyone to consider and support each other and to celebrate the worth and individuality of every member of the school community.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

The school’s curriculum aims to develop understanding of the world. The RE and PSHE schemes of work provide opportunities for pupils to develop tolerance of and empathy towards those from different faiths, beliefs and cultures. These are discussed in classes and differences are celebrated through displays and school events.