

TEACHING BRITISH VALUES

Promoting British Values at Hulland Church of England Primary School

The 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.”*

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At Hulland Church of England Primary these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in Class Council meetings. The children on the council are elected by their peers, and represent the class views at the meeting. Children from all classes form part of our ECO Committee. They meet regularly to support the school with its work towards the ECO Flag award.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout the school day and Collective Worship. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school which were initially developed with input from the pupils. They are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Through participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. This is also a key feature of our behaviour policy. Pupils, selected by their peers, operate as ‘Friendship Ambassadors’ to encourage positive playtimes and ensure all children are included.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

As a Church of England School our themes for Collective Worship reinforce Christian values which underpin all work within the school. We recognise the importance of promoting diversity and use Religious Education lessons, PSHE lessons and Collective Worship to celebrate different faiths and cultures and reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Within the curriculum children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths to further enhance their learning.