



Promoting British Values at Whitleigh 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 difference faiths and beliefs'*.

The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and these values have been reiterated this year (2015). At Whitleigh Primary School these values are already a well-established thread in our curriculum and embedded through our school ethos and are reinforced regularly.

Assemblies

The programme for whole school assemblies is designed to promote the school values, British Values and events and celebrations for a wide range of cultures and religions. Each week a person of focus is chosen from example to reflect a positive contribution to developments in society, commitment to helping others or other areas that may demonstrate core British Values. The children are encouraged to make connections to school values and their own experiences.



Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. We have a student council, who are elected by their class that meet frequently with the School Council lead to look at ways to improve our school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Whitleigh Primary School.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our Class Charters; Playground Rules. Awards are granted to children who observe our play/lunchtime rules, these children are awarded with a certificate to sit and eat on the 'Top Table'. At the heart of all these systems is the aim to develop well rounded individuals who are responsible for their own and others, pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that thus involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.



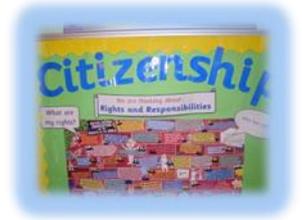
Individual Liberty

At Whitleigh Primary School pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, to be proud of their community, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to make informed choices, through a safe and empowering environment and education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and discuss their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely for example through eSafety and PSHE lessons. We have a well-planned approach to this that is flexible enough to include areas of local interest and need as these arise.



Mutual Respect Tolerance

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 children at Whitleigh Primary School have an awareness of the Articles written into the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. These articles are displayed throughout our school. Every year at Whitleigh Primary School we hold an anti-bullying and citizenship week which underpins our school values and reinforces that everyone is different and as a school community we should respect these differences.



We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures through the curriculum and 'Wow' school assemblies. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Our school curriculum contains units of learning that teach our children the ethos and way of life of other cultures and historical eras.

Positive Role Models

We have many visitors across the school year who, are carefully chosen to effectively broaden understanding on a variety of issues from healthy eating to personal safety. We also expect our staff to be professional role models for our children we dress smartly for school and ensure we show we are good citizens and care for each other and our school community. We are proud to be part of our school and all work together to common goals despite our diverse roles in school. Our children wear their uniform with pride, it shows we all belong together and are keen to show we belong to our school community. We also encourage our children to become role models for example, our Year 6 pupils take on extra responsibilities.

