



HILL VIEW INFANT SCHOOL British Values Statement

Promoting British Values at Hill View Infant 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, and these values have been reiterated this year (2016). At Hill View Infant School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised from classes. The Council is genuinely able to effect change within the school. Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school. Through the monitoring schedule pupil voice is regularly sought on a range of issues.

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 Hill View Infant School. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our whole school Golden rules, class rules, playground rules and e-safety procedures. Pupils 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 our Community Police Officers and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

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 informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e safety and PSHE lessons.

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 and that rights carry with them responsibilities. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

At Hill View Infant School we actively promote diversity through our curriculum and celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, collective worship and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others, members of different faiths and religions are invited into school to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship which are prominent in a range of faiths.

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