

Glendale Middle School

Statement of British Values

At Glendale Community Middle School we are committed to serving our community and recognise the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom.

We also understand the vital role we have in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

We follow equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Glendale Community Middle School is dedicated to preparing pupils for their adult life beyond the formal curriculum and ensuring that we promote and reinforce both personal and cultural values to all our pupils.

The Government requires that all UK schools ensure that key 'British Values' are taught.

The British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance

At Glendale Community Middle School we use strategies within the National Curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for pupils. The examples that follow show some of the many ways Glendale Community Middle School seeks to embed British values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently reinforced at Glendale Community Middle School, with democratic processes being used for important decisions within the school community. For instance, elections are held for School Council positions and subsequent whole school voting on decisions made. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History, Social Studies and PE curriculum as well as through stories in English, form time and assemblies.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they govern the class, the school or the country, is consistently reinforced at Glendale Community Middle School.

Pupils are taught the rules and expectations of the school. Pupils are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that 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 reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At Glendale Community Middle School, pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at Glendale Community Middle School educate and provide boundaries for 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 on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety and Social Studies.

Glendale Community Middle has a strong anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Behaviour Policy.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Respect and tolerance are a strong part of Glendale Community Middle School's ethos. Pupils learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments. Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for pupils to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance is achieved through equipping pupils with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. Pupils benefit from a number of visitors, including those from other countries and cultures. Additionally, pupils are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivities throughout the calendar year. Religious Education, which forms part of our Social Studies curriculum, provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

Glendale Community Middle School has also been accredited with the International Schools Award Intermediate Level. Our pupils are taught about life in other countries as they develop their global citizenship.

Glendale Community Middle School strives to ensure that its pupils leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our Society.