

Promoting Fundamental British Values at The Hawthorns Primary School

At The Hawthorns Primary School we seek 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. In November 2014, the DfE published guidance on promoting these values in school to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

The fundamental British values are evidenced at The Hawthorns Primary School through our Aspirational Qualities, including listening with understanding and being empathetic, managing impulsivity and thinking interdependently.

Democracy

Democracy can be seen as a state of society characterised by equality of rights and privileges. It can also refer to our nation's electoral systems.

In our school, we promote the importance of democracy through such things as:

- Students electing peers into positions of responsibility, including House Captains, Sport Captains, School Councillors and Fair Trade Representatives.
- Pupil voice being heard on key issues and helping to set the agenda throughout the year.
- Asking children to complete an online questionnaire at the end of each academic year where they can put forward their views.

The Rule of Law

All people and institutions are subject to and accountable to law that is fairly applied and enforced.

In our school, we promote the importance of the rule of law through such things as:

- Each class developing and agreeing its own Class Charter identifying the pupils' rights and responsibilities.
- Expectations being clearly outlined to pupils.
- A consistent approach to behaviour management throughout the school, with each class agreeing its own system of reward.
- Assemblies recognising right from wrong, which are reinforced by visits from the Police and Fire Services.

Individual Liberty

Individual liberty suggests the free exercise of rights generally seen as outside Government control.

In our school, we promote the importance of individual liberty through such things as:

- Offering a range of extra-curricular activities and clubs for pupils to choose from.
- eSafety and PSHCE lessons advising pupils how to exercise their rights and personal freedoms safely.
- Allowing choice of challenge or presentation of work in lessons.
- Children making suggestions for events we could do in school, including fundraising ideas and naming charities they would like to support.

Mutual Respect

The proper regard for an individual's dignity, which is reciprocated.

In our school, we promote the importance of mutual respect through things such as:

- Ensuring all members of the school community treat each other with respect.
- Teaching children that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and the rights of others.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

A fair, objective, and permissive attitude to those whose faith and beliefs may differ from one's own.

In our school, we promote the importance of tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs through things such as:

- Assemblies which include stories and celebrations from a range of faiths.
- Our curriculum teaching about a range of faiths and allowing the pupils the opportunity to visit a range of places of worship.
- Visits to the school from people of different faiths sharing their knowledge.

At The Hawthorns Primary School, we will actively challenge any member of the school community who expresses a view contrary to the Fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.