



British Values at Brunswick School

Promoting British Values at Brunswick Infant School

The DfE have 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 by the Prime Minister. At Brunswick Infant School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways

Democracy

At Brunswick Infant School all children are treated fairly and are encouraged to express their views. We listen to the children’s and the parent’s voice. The children’s voice is heard through School Council. The School Council members have been elected through a class voting system which introduces them to the principles of democratic elections. Our school behaviour policy is clear that children are expected to contribute, co-operate and based upon restorative justice. At the start of each academic year each class draws up a set of specific class rules which stem from our school promise and resilience rucksack.

The Rule of Law

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules), that they are there to keep us safe, happy and protected, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

Individual Liberty

Within Brunswick Infant School, children are actively encouraged to make informed choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

Mutual Respect

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around core values such as respect, and children are modelled this by caring, sharing and listening to others. All staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others. We value and reward respectful behaviour through our celebration assemblies and special praise awards. Staff and children pride themselves on the positive, respectful relationships we have with all members of our community.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We are fortunate to have children of different faiths and beliefs within our school. Fundamental to our school is the ethos that everyone is different and everyone is special. We actively promote diversity through a broad and balanced curriculum where a range of different cultures are taught and celebrated throughout the year. We aim to enhance children’s understanding of different faiths and beliefs by learning about a range of celebrations throughout the year.

Our School Promise:

We know everyone in our school is special.

We are caring towards others.

We don't give up when things are tricky!

We always try our best!