

Promoting British Values at Charlton CE 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 different faiths and beliefs.”*

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014.

Democracy

Children have many opportunities to have their voice heard. We have a School Council who meet to discuss class and whole school issues taken from class suggestion boxes. Two children from each year group are elected as school councillors by their class. The sports crew actively go out and research activities and sports that the pupils would like to take part in. From their surveys they then set up activities/competitions that take place during lunch hours and end of term PE lessons. The children publish the results on their sports board and their termly news. Children complete an annual questionnaire so they are able to put forward their views about the 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 throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the rules of the school from Reception class. Teachers and pupils decide on class rules at the beginning of the school year. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Annual visits from the police and fire brigade reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, 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 children to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of learning challenge, of how they record, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is embedded in our values: Listening, Encouraging, Forgiveness, Thoughtful, Patient and Sharing. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Charlton CE Primary School is a faith school with a strongly inclusive ethos. We actively promote diversity and celebrate the individual through Collective Worship, Religious Education and PSHE lessons. The messages of tolerance and respect for others are reinforced through learning across the curriculum.