

Kildwick CE Primary School - British Values

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 (2014). At Kildwick these values are reinforced regularly and in the ways described below. Evidence of the impact can be seen in all aspects of school life, including attitudes, behaviours and relationships.

Democracy

Kildwick CE Primary is a democratic school. Each year the children are involved in reviewing the school rules as well as discussing their class rules with their teachers and the rights associated with these.

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss key school issues. Two council members for each year group (Yrs1 – 6) are voted in by their classes.

Children also have an opportunity to share their opinions through pupil interviews, pupil questionnaires and taking active roles through interview panels.

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 value and reasons behind laws, that they 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 help reinforce this message. In addition, Year 6 children take part in a citizenship event.

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 young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Through participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. The Year 5 and 6 residential provides additional challenges by choice.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is one of our school's key values which is explored in Collective Worship and through other areas of the curriculum. 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

Although Kildwick has a low % pupils from other faiths and cultures, diversity is actively promoted and achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We celebrate key religious festivals and Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.