



Brougham Primary School

Statement for The Promotion of 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 last year (2014). At Brougham Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways.

Democracy

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. The school council is representative of every year group in school and all members are voted for by their peers.

Children take part in an annual 'Pupil questionnaire' where they are able to put forward their own views about 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 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 the Magistrates in the community, the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing 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.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise them safely – through lessons such as SEAL and E Safety.

Pupils are given the freedom to make choices whether it be choice of learning, how they record, their choice of Golden Time activity, their participation in extra-curricular activities etc.

Mutual Respect

Our School motto is "We care, We share, We learn" therefore respect under the heading of care is one of our school Key Values. Children learn their own

behaviours and attitudes have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of our school community treat each other with respect. One of our curriculum drivers is "belonging" which ensures that the child's place in the community is explored at every possible opportunity.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We prefer to foster respect rather than tolerance. Brougham Primary School is situated between a mosque and a church, and links between both are good. Representatives from both are currently serving on the Governing Body. Apart from this Brougham Primary is situated in an area of little cultural diversity, therefore we place a great emphasis on promoting and celebrating diversity with our children. Assemblies are regularly planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE teaching reinforces this.

Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children will be given opportunities to visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

At Brougham Primary School, we are prepared to, if necessary, challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views.

Brougham Primary School does not see 'Fundamental British Values' as a stand-alone issue - it is part of our much wider SMSC development of our children.