

British Values

The Department for Education states that there is a 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.”*

At White Bridge Primary School, we actively promote ‘British Values’ through both our PSHE and SMSC teaching, as well as during daily assemblies in both Key Stages.

Democracy

An understanding of democracy is developed through both our KS1 and KS2 School Councils. Children in each class elect one girl and one boy to represent their class in School Council meetings and put forward their suggestions and points of views on various school matters. In KS1 there is also an additional representative from each class that is chosen by the class staff.

Within school, the children are always able to voice their opinions and we foster an environment where children are safe and feel that their views matter.

The Rule of Law

Each class will establish their own set of rules which they are expected to follow. Children have a good understanding of what is right and wrong. They respect authority, are polite, well mannered, helpful and kind.

Rules and their importance are consistently reinforced. The children 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.

Individual Liberty

Children 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 our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. All children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; for example, through E-safety and PSHE lessons. Children are given the freedom to make choices, whether it is through choice of challenge, how they record their work, how they present their learning outcomes or participation in our after-school clubs.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our school ethos. Children are taught to respect others and learn that although everyone is different, they are all equally important.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs.

The children’s knowledge and understanding of different faiths and beliefs is developed through Religious Education, assemblies and daily acts of collective worship. We welcome members of all faiths into the school to talk to the children. Festivals and traditions from different faiths are explored and celebrated.