

Summerfields Primary School

BRITISH VALUES POLICY

Rationale:

At Summerfields Primary School we uphold and teach pupils about British Values which are defined as:

- mutual respect
- rule of law
- democracy
- individual liberty
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

These values are taught through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE). We also teach British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Mutual Respect:

Our school ethos and behaviour policy is based around the core values of mutual respect and a sense of responsibility for others.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of laws and rules are consistently reinforced. Our system for behaviour is aligned to an agreed set of codes and if children are given verbal warnings this is always set against the agreed school behaviour code. Children are asked to identify which aspect of the code they have broken to ensure that this connection is made and understood. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and consequences when rules are broken. Visits from authorities such as the police help to reinforce this message.

To encourage and promote good behaviour, attitude and work, we have a reward system which is consistently followed throughout the school and we are committed to praising children's efforts. We praise the children informally, individually, during group work, in front of the whole class and the whole school. Children are rewarded not only for achievement in curriculum areas but for positive behaviour such as kindness, helpfulness, team work and for demonstrating initiative. Rewards are given in the form of stickers, dojos, house points and certificates. Children's achievements are also recognised during weekly assemblies.

Democracy:

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through a variety of opportunities. This includes the Pupil Council and voting to support a class charity each year. The children are given regular opportunities to debate ideas and reflect their thoughts about current events and news.

Individual Liberty:

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to think independently and feel that they are able to express their ideas with confidence and that these are valued. At the same time they are encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of others and be supportive of their peers and younger members of the school community.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We use opportunities such as inviting parents and others to visit and talk to the children about their celebrations (eg Chinese New Year), their countries and their life and work experiences, whenever possible.

Roles & Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and Governors to ensure this policy is monitored on a regular basis.

Signature

Date