



Chesterton Primary School

British Values Statement

At Chesterton Primary School we aim for our children to become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.

Democracy

We have a School Eco Council which consists of a representative from each class. We also have a team of play leaders and sports captains that meet to support the development of house competitions and to develop playground learning. They meet every few weeks with the staff Eco Leader and Sports Lead to discuss a range of issues. The Eco council plan projects and events and take part in internal and external eco and health related work. The play leaders and sports captains discuss social and moral elements of school life, creating codes of conduct for playtimes and modelling positive behaviours for their peers. The areas for discussion are then fed back to the rest of the class where they can all share their views and thoughts.

The Rule of Law

Our School Rules are clearly outlined in our Behaviour Policy, which is also shared with parents and carers. At the beginning of the year class teachers discuss these rules with their pupils and personalize them according to the age and needs of the class. These rules are revisited regularly through PSHE lessons, assemblies and class circle times and there are clear sanctions for broken rules, visible to all through our Dojo Positive Behaviour system, which every class uses. We ensure that children understand that school and class rules are there to protect us and are essential for our wellbeing and safety.

Individual Liberty

We encourage our children to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment to enable them to do this. Through our PSHE lessons we discuss different choices they may make and the consequences of those choices. Children are continually encouraged to make the right choices by all adults working in school and this theme is revisited through a programme of class assemblies and circle times. The importance of making safe choices when using the Internet is explored regularly through the Computing and PSHE curriculum and shared with the whole school as part of our regular E-Safety awareness days.

Mutual Respect

Our whole school ethos is built around mutual respect. We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make to the school. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. Children are encouraged to respect each other throughout the day, including lunchtimes.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

All different faiths and beliefs are explored and celebrated through assemblies, RE sessions and a variety of visitors into school. The children are taught that people have different faiths and beliefs and that these should be accepted. Children within our school with different faiths are encouraged to share their practices and special celebrations. Our English curriculum includes texts from a range of cultures to further raise children's awareness of different cultures, faiths and beliefs.