

British Values at Ferry Lane Primary School

Democracy

In school we promote the importance of democracy in various ways which includes a fair electoral process for student positions of responsibility such as school council. In year 6 we also hold elections for Head Boy and Head Girl. Pupils and members of SLT hold regular discussions about the school grounds and learning within classroom, helping to inform changes for the better, advocating pupil voice at every opportunity.

Individual liberty

In school we promote the importance of individual liberty by awarding pupils greater autonomy over their learning, greater responsibilities within the classroom and across the school, and providing a variety of choice of clubs and extra-curricular activities. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example throughout PHSE lessons and E-safety. Students are encouraged to voice views in lessons, facilitated through circle time, class discussions and role play, without fear of judgement.

Rule of Law

In school we promote the importance of the rule of law in various ways. There is a shared classroom code of practice and children draw up a class charter which is displayed throughout the year. Pupils are taught the reasoning and value behind laws and how they govern and protect us. The children are educated on the notion of rights and responsibilities and that with this comes consequences when laws are broken. Through regular class assemblies we promote the importance of adhering to rules and laws in order to create harmony at school in which all members feel safe and protected. Visits from the police and the fire service are organised and this, as well as citizenship training in Year 6, help to prepare our children for independence and reinforce the values of British rule of law.

We make a point of expressing that all staff, not just pupils, have a responsibility to follow policies and procedures and we are all protected when these are adhered to.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on the rights of others. All members of the Ferry Lane Primary community treat each other with respect and kindness. The class rules place great weighting on consideration of others and not only acceptance but celebration of diversity in our community. Through assemblies and after school-clubs, we foster an ethos of inclusiveness and unity and as a result, pupils understand the importance of respect and tolerance as an innate British value.