

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT



The Department for Education 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, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

At The Link Secondary School, British Values are taught throughout the curriculum. The school is looking to allocate specific days to celebrate British Values through bespoke activities designed to both engage and enthuse our pupils.

The areas that pupils explore within British Values are:

Democracy

Pupils have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. There is a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised by all pupils. School Council members are voted in by their peers. Frances McNaughton is the member of staff who manages the school council. All members of the school staff, including governors, are invited to school council meetings.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced during the school day, as well as when dealing with behaviour, and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons for having laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from agencies such as the Police and the Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make decisions and choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, and advised on how to exercise these safely, usually through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

At The Link Secondary School, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and on those of others. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

School staff and Governors alike place a great emphasis on promoting a tolerant attitude within school. Diversity is celebrated. Assemblies can include stories, music and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance the learning that takes place in lessons. Pupils visit places of worship that are important to people of different faiths. At The Link Secondary School we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including extremist views.

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