

British Values – A Guide for Parents

Schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils and part of this requirement is to actively promote the fundamental British Values which are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Promoting these British Values is woven through teaching and learning, to support children in becoming well-rounded members of society. British Values are promoted across the whole school curriculum, can be seen in school ethos and policies, assemblies and special events. Below are some examples of how British Values are promoted in school.

Democracy

- Children are supported to understand how democracy works by electing their own council reps, Eco Council, Values Champions and Sports Leaders
- These opportunities are used to help children understand the importance of free speech, and how to make decisions together
- Children's views and opinions are heard
- There are everyday opportunities to vote between choices in the classroom through a show of hands

Rule of Law

- Children are supported to understand the need for shared rules to help us.
- There are agreed expectations through our Greenleas Promise to make our school a safe and happy place for all
- Children are taught to understand their own and others' behaviour and feelings, and the consequences
- We learn that these expectations are fair and just for everyone
- From a very young age children are encouraged to distinguish right from wrong

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

- Children learn to appreciate and celebrate their differences
- Children respect and value each other's achievements and successes in the classroom, at assemblies and through other school events
- Children learn about different faiths, beliefs and cultures both in school and through community links
- Prejudice and discriminatory behaviour are challenged

Individual Liberty

- Children understand they are all free to make their own choices and follow their own interests
- With freedom comes responsibility so children learn to take ownership of their actions
- We learn about our individual identity and explore our own beliefs, building our self esteem