

British Values

All schools have a responsibility “to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

At Oaks Primary Academy we promote these values in the following ways:

Democracy:

At the beginning of each year children we revisit the school's values and set up class expectations. We have a School Council to which members are voted in each year by their peers. Children understand that a place on the School Council comes with the responsibility of representing their peers' needs and interests. Democracy is taught during assemblies and during circle times and class-based PSHE sessions.

The Rule of Law

Behaviour and safety at Oaks Primary Academy is consistently outstanding and is seen as a priority. Children know what is expected of them, why rules are so important, and what the consequences are if they do not follow them. Children at Oaks are well aware that their sustained excellent behaviour enables them to become outstanding learners. Children develop an understanding of personal responsibility and develop independence in managing relationships and behaviour. Children understand that their behaviour and regard for the rules extends beyond the school itself, such as being school ambassadors whilst on school visits and activities.

Individual Liberty

Oaks is a safe place for children and cultivates an atmosphere in which children can make choices about their school life in a supportive environment. We educate our pupils to know that they have boundaries within which they may make choices safely, through the provision of a nurturing mind-set and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand, and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge, of how they record, or of participation in our extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. From the very start of their school-life children are encouraged to challenge their personal best by giving them ownership of their own learning.

Children regularly have next steps shared with them, whether verbally or with written feedback in books so they know exactly what they can do to progress.

Mutual Respect

The ethos of our school nurtures an understanding of mutual respect and it underpins the engaging and exciting teaching and learning that happens here. The children and all staff understand our values and work in a manner that encourages everyone to achieve to their highest ability. Assemblies are linked to our school and British values and we celebrate achievement, positive attitudes and hard work regularly. Learning and effort are highly respected across the school.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. We hold whole-school assemblies to celebrate and learn about religious festivals that happen throughout the school year and different religious celebrations are a focus during Religious Education lessons. Our core values ensure children develop compassion and respect for all.