

British Values

Teaching British Values

Promoting British Values at Earls Barton Primary School

The DfE 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 and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.*’

The Government set out its definition of British Values of the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated this year (2014), At Earls Barton Primary School these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their KS1 school council and KS2 junior leadership team. They meet every half term to discuss school improvement and issues that have been raised. Children have a termly questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced at EBPS.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of school. These are our Golden Rules, Playground Rules, Classroom Rules and our school values. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as Police and the Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

At EBPS, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

EBPS is a diverse school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE Lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.