



BREACHWOOD GREEN SCHOOL

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES

Believe and Achieve

Following the introduction of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, the Department of Education 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
- Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Actively promoting the key values means challenging behaviour or opinions in school that are contrary to fundamental British values. At Breachwood Green JMI School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard regularly at school through assemblies, pupil voice, PSHE lessons and at school council meetings. Their views and opinions are sought when new initiatives and clubs are being considered. A democratic approach is taken to the election of our School Council members, through the children preparing a manifesto and being voted into position, reflecting our British electoral system.

In addition to promoting a democratic approach with the pupils, the voice of parents is sought and acted on throughout the year.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the regular school day, as well as dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service etc. are incorporated into the curriculum as and when appropriate.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through online safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge, or of participation in extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, children are given the freedom to make choices. Our children in year 6 choose to run clubs for younger children during their lunch breaks encouraging free choice and understanding of the needs of others.

Mutual Respect

The pupils and adults in school know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of Respect at Breachwood Green JMI School underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom. The children learn that we live in a country which is full of diversity. They are taught to respect and celebrate these differences, whatever they are. RE lessons, assemblies and work in curriculum areas highlight the differences and similarities between cultures, faiths and beliefs from around the world..

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing children's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have followed and been supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within the school. Pupils of different faiths and religions are encouraged to take assemblies so they can share their experiences.