

British Values

The DfE have 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 in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014.

At **Foxdell Infant School** we aim for our children to become valued and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote the Fundamental British values through our Values Education and the curriculum in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year, children decide on class rules and create a class charter in which they put forward their suggestions on how to make their class a safe place to be.

We vote for our School Council with members from Year One and Year Two. The Council meets regularly to gain children's views and ideas on a range of school issues and to help make decisions.

The council members collect class views on different issues which they bring to their meetings where they present the views of their peers. The school council are involved in fund raising for the school and for charities.

The children complete an annual questionnaire in which they put forward their views about the school and suggest improvements. We also encourage our parents to share their views through questionnaires.

Individual Liberty

At Foxdell, we actively encourage children to make choices by establishing a safe environment and empowering education. Through our Values based Education, we teach the value of 'freedom' and provide boundaries for children to make choices safely. We discuss different choices that the children can make and encourage them to be the best that they can be.

Children are encouraged to know and understand their rights and personal freedoms through assemblies and PSHE lessons. We look at E-safety as a key part of the Computing curriculum and the importance of making safe choices when online. Children are encouraged to talk to others and share their feelings. Children are given the freedom to make choices in many ways such as choice of learning challenges, choice of activities during Activity time and through the participation of extra-curricular clubs.

Rule of Law

We have a clearly planned behaviour policy which all staff and children understand and follow.

Children are taught the 'Good to be Green' approach of the school and the responsibilities that this involves including the consequences when rules are broken. Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the school year. We

have many rewards when children stay 'Green' including smileys, green tokens, certificates and Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond awards. These show children the importance of following the rules and in keeping them they will be rewarded. The importance of Laws is reinforced throughout the school day, including when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies such as E-safety, Road safety and through our weekly

Values assemblies. Pupils are taught the importance of laws and we have visits from the Police and Fire Service which help to reinforce this message.

Mutual Respect

Foxdell is situated in a culturally diverse area and mutual respect and tolerance is at the heart of our school values. We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others.

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Different faiths and beliefs are explored and celebrated through our well planned assemblies, RE sessions and a variety of visitors who come into school. We celebrate Eid, Diwali, Christmas, Hanukah and many other festivals.

We also celebrate British festivals such as St George's Day, Bonfire Night, The Queen's Birthday, etc.

Children with different faiths and beliefs are encouraged to share their practices and special celebrations. We have close links with St Peters Church and our children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.