



Statement of British Values

The government recently stated 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 the law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs”.

The 5 key British Values are:

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

At Blackshaw Lane Primary and Nursery School we strive to promote British Values through our ethos, curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Friday assembly is devoted to those values and celebrating them within our daily school life.

Democracy:

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our class and School Council alongside our Arts Council. Within our PSHE Scheme of Work Democracy is the focus for our Autumn Term lessons. (Mrs. Snape – Council Re-election).

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 regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Through our PSHE lessons during the Autumn Term 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. Year 1 and 2 pupils consider the rules that make our classroom and schools safe. Years 3 and 4 consider the consequences for breaking the rules. Year 5 and 6 pupils are taught how laws are made in parliament.

Individual Liberty:

Within school, 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 choices safely, through a provision of a safe

environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of challenge, or how they record participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs, volunteering for playground pals, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. Our PSHE lessons during the Summer Term are devoted to the theme of individual liberty. During PSHE lessons in Years 5 and 6 the children consider what their rights and responsibilities are in the wider community.

Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means how it is shown. Our school rules and aims displayed around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our Behaviour Policy. Children show respect in school by volunteering for Playground Pals and looking after younger children. During PSHE lessons in Years 3 and 4 children consider how we show respect and what makes a respectful relationship.

Tolerance of where we Work in Harmony with Different Faiths and Beliefs:

Blackshaw Lane Primary and Nursery School is a school which has a wide variety of cultures and languages within our school. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. The theme for our PSHE lessons during the second half of the Autumn Term is bullying. In Year 1 the children look at what is bullying. This is built upon in Year 2 when children consider how we respond to bullying. In Year 4 the children question the impact of bullying.