



British Values Statement

In accordance with The Department for Education we actively promote British values in school to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law.

We teach a bespoke creative curriculum which links with the national curriculum. Teaching and learning supports and upholds the school's vision and core values of mutual respect, trust, loyalty and cooperation. It also incorporates the interests of pupils and supports them in becoming good local, national and global citizens of the future.

The Department for Education states that there is a 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".

Our school reflects British values in all that we do. We nurture our pupils on their journey through life so they grow in to caring, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the wider world. We encourage them to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and others in our school, our local community and beyond.

At William Barcroft Junior School, we actively promote British values in the following ways:

Democracy

Pupils are encouraged to debate topics of interest, express their views and make a meaningful contribution to the running of the school. They are able to do this in a number of ways e.g. woven and intertwined within the curriculum; PSHCE lessons; pupil governing body; questionnaires and surveys; assemblies.

Rule of Law

We have a clear positive behaviour policy which helps pupils to make good choices about their behaviour. Pupils are helped to distinguish right from wrong, in the classroom, during assemblies and in the playground. This is supported by a Restorative Justice approach. Pupils are encouraged to respect the law and William Barcroft enjoys visits from services such as the Police (Community PCSO), Fire and Ambulance services to help reinforce the message.

Individual Liberty

At school, pupils are encouraged, and given the freedom to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment, e.g. challenging themselves in their learning. They are supported to develop self-knowledge, self-confidence and a growth mind set in all areas of school life. Pupils are taught to understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms in a safe way, e.g. NSPCC (PANTS), Online safety, Anti-bullying week, RSE lessons, UNICEF Children's Rights and PSHE lessons. They have key responsibilities in school like being a Playground Buddy, library monitors, digital leaders and pupil governors.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Respect is one of our 4 core values. Pupils understand that respect is shown to everyone, both adults and children. We help them to develop an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures. Staff and pupils are encouraged to challenge prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour. Links with local faith communities and visits to places of worship is promoted and people from different faiths are invited to school to share their experiences in assemblies and in class. Through the PSHCE, RSE and RE curriculum, pupils are encouraged to discuss and respect differences and similarities between people. We offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which major religions are studied. Through our broad, rich and balanced curriculum we learn about the world in topics such as Rainforest and Rivers and Oceans.