



Waterbeach Community Primary School

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In support of the Department for Education (DofE) document: *Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools, Departmental advice for maintained schools, November 2014.*

At Waterbeach Community Primary School, we value the diversity of the backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community and strongly believe in upholding British values through all aspects of our school provision.

The DofE 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 aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world and the wider world.

What is meant by British values?

Learning about British values forms a key part of children's spiritual, moral, cultural and social education. The five British values that the Government has identified for schools to focus on are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
- Developing personal and social responsibility
- Respect for British Institutions

How should we help our children prepare for adult life as citizens of Britain?

- Develop their self-confidence and self esteem.
- Develop their understanding of right and wrong, and their respect for the law.



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- Encourage them to take responsibility for their behaviour.
- Encourage involvement in the community and wider society.
- Encourage respect for the public services and institutions of Britain.
- Promote tolerance of and respect for all cultures and faiths.
- Encourage participation in the democratic process.

How does our school develop children's understanding of British values?

We uphold the British value of **Democracy** by:

- facilitating a democratic process for electing school councillors and the running of the council.
- teaching about the democratic process in Britain, at both a local and national level in assemblies and through our curriculum.
- taking turns in class, at dinner time and in after school clubs.

We uphold the British value of the **Rule of Law** by:

- teaching children an understanding of human rights
- implementing our school rules which are –
 - We are honest
 - We are kind and helpful
 - We listen
 - We try our best
 - We look after property
- implementing our procedures and protocols for dealing with any behavioural or bullying issues and the very rare incidents of racial, homophobic and other forms of discrimination, which demonstrates to pupils that we take these issues very seriously, mirroring the attitudes of British society.

We uphold the British value of **individual liberty** by:

- teaching an understanding of the concept of freedom and choice.
- providing our extra-curricular provision, which offers equal opportunities for all children, boys and girls, and children with Special Educational Needs in sport and other areas.

We uphold the British value of developing **personal and social responsibility** by:



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- expecting children to responsibility in many ways in school including being playleaders and peer mediators.
- expecting children to take responsibility in every class for a variety of roles which assist in the running of the classroom.
- encouraging children to have responsibility for their own possessions, behaviour and work, both at school and at home and to always do their personal best in all aspects of school life.
- training staff to deliver information about keeping safe on the internet to all our children and holding information sessions for parents about this.

We uphold the **British value of respect for British Institutions** by:

- celebrating many British festivals and special events, e.g. Remembrance Day, November 5th, Christmas, Easter, World Book Day, Children in Need, etc.
- regularly inviting representatives from various groups, such as Police, charities and the local church to visit our school and talk to the children in both lessons and assemblies.
- teaching our RE curriculum, which inculcates values of understanding, tolerance and respect for others, including those of other faiths.

In all our provision, both academic and otherwise, we endeavour for our school community to develop an understanding of British values and a strong desire to uphold them both now and as future British citizens.

This statement has been agreed by:

- Governors – 1st February 2023