

BRITISH VALUES

WHAT ARE BRITISH VALUES?

Part of the Prevent strategy, British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These values are:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance
- Individual Liberty

WHY ARE BRITISH VALUES IMPORTANT?

We see British Values as underpinning what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Britain. They allow us to create environments free from discrimination, intolerance, and hate.

They help us to challenge prejudice and stereotyping, whilst strengthening relationships within the community.

DEMOCRACY

A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

- Your right to vote.
- Leadership and accountability
- Joint decision making
- Team meetings
- The right to protest and petition.
- Receiving and giving feedback

RULE OF LAW

The need for rules to make a happy, safe, and secure environment to live and work.

- Legislation.
- Agreed ways of working,
- How the law protects you and others
- policies, and procedures
- Code of conducts

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE

Understanding that we all don't share the same beliefs and values. Respecting the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own others.

- Embracing diversity
- The importance of religion, traditions, cultural heritage and preferences
- Stereotyping, labelling and prejudice.
- Tackling and reporting discrimination

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Individual liberty means each of us having the freedom to express our individuality through freedom of speech, freedom of choice and individual presentation.

- Equality and Human Rights
- Personal Development
- Respect and Dignity
- Rights, choice, consent, and individuality
- Values and principles

HOW DOES BRITISH VALUES SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS?

- enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem, and self-confidence.
- enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of Britain.
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the local area and to society more widely.
- enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in Britain.
- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures.
- encourage respect for other people.
- encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in Britain.
- encourage respect for other people, paying regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

Further Reading

[Guidance on promoting British values in education published](#)

[Prevent strategy 2011](#)

[Protected Characteristics](#)

