

## **British Values at Brunel**

At Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy we are committed to promoting fundamental British Values as set out by the DfE.

These are defined as:

- **Democracy**
- **Rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

At Brunel these values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education (PSHE), and Religious Education (RE). We also teach the British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Part of our vision at Brunel is to prepare children to become valued members of society. Promoting British Values enables children to develop a sense of community and begin to understand their responsibilities and role within it.

The school takes opportunities to actively promote British Values through our assemblies and whole school systems and structures such as electing and running a successful School Council. We also actively promote the British values through ensuring that our curriculum planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring these values. Actively promoting British Values also means challenging pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

At Brunel, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### **Democracy:**

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and through regular pupil conferencing. The elections of members of the School Council and roles of responsibility are based on pupil votes.

Children are recommended by all members of the school community for recognition by the Headteacher in Achievers Assembly which celebrates those who model the values of respect, responsibility, perseverance or creativity.

### **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of laws and rules, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are regularly reinforced. The one school rule of 'Always be in the right place, at the right time doing the right thing' is easily remembered by all of the children. The rule is consistently applied, expectations are reinforced regularly and opportunities are sought frequently to praise positive choices. Pupils' modelling behaviour consistent with the school's high expectations are recognised and used as

role models to others.

Through assemblies and the school's PSHE/Citizenship curriculum, children develop an understanding of law appropriate to their age. 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.

Regular contact with PSCOs builds positive relationships with the Police from an early age and children understand their role in maintaining a peaceful community

#### **Individual Liberty:**

Protective Behaviours are taught across the school and every child is aware that they have the right to feel safe. They are also taught that there is always an adult they can talk to at school.

Children are valued for their differences and there is a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs to enable children to try new things, develop new skills and practice existing ones. Care is taken to provide equal opportunities.

Time and care is taken to know each child as an individual and circle time/PSHE sessions give children a chance to share their feelings and options in a safe way.

Opportunities for children to take more responsibility within the school is encouraged. Pupils support daily in the school office, school library, during the lunchtimes on the playground, in the dinner hall and support the running of some clubs.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our online safety teaching and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs, choosing the level of challenge in some lessons and are becoming increasingly more involved in child-led learning.

#### **Mutual Respect:**

A class behaviour agreement is drawn up at the beginning of each academic year to set clear expectations of respectful behaviour. If pupils show disrespect to one another, this is dealt with immediately through the school's Behaviour Policy. Time is given for repair and restoration and to talk about the behaviour which is disrespectful to others.

An Anti-Bullying week is held annually and various wellbeing events are held across the year. During these sessions, children are taught to value differences in others and themselves and to respect others.

A consistent behaviour policy is in place and children take responsibility, with support when needed, to resolve conflict and repair relationships. Friendship support groups and team building sessions are used to resolve any persistent issues.

#### **Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

The school follows the Cornwall RE agreed syllabus which ensures that the children learn about all the main religions and teaches a respect for the cultures, beliefs, opinions and traditions of others. Assemblies contribute to the knowledge of special occasions. The RE syllabus and assembly opportunities enhance pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. Along with PSHE lessons they provide a forum for discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying.