



Teaching British Values

Promoting British Values at Parkgate Infants & Nursery School

The DfE have recently reinforced 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 law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."*

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been added to the Ofsted inspection guidance in September 2014. At Parkgate these values are regularly promoted through high quality teaching, assemblies and our behaviour policy.

- **Democracy:**

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. KS1 children vote for their class representatives. Each year we send out Pupil questionnaires.

- **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced by high behavioural expectations and through school assemblies. At the start of each academic year children create their own class rules. These are in addition to the schools 'Golden Rules'. 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 visits from the police and fire service help reinforce this message.

- **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 our children to make choices safely, by providing 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.

- **Mutual Respect:**

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around 'Respect', this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy. We encourage the children to understand that they have rights and responsibilities both within school and the wider community. The school council is regularly consulted on which charities we should support.

- **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

Parkgate Infants and Nursery school has a culturally diverse catchment area. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to come into school and share their knowledge. This enhances children's learning and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society which is in conjunction with a curriculum that celebrates this diversity e.g.: celebration days, assemblies, RE and PSHE. We actively promote good manners and courtesy towards all. We monitor all forms of bullying, - including cyber, prejudice, SEN, sex, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation or gender.