



British Values

Promoting British Values at St Leonard's Primary School

The Government first set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. Since 2014 the DfE expects 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.”



At St Leonard's Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules based around the principles of ready, respectful and safe. We have a student school council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised from classes. The council is genuinely able to effect change within the school. The council meet to discuss projects as well as of the wider curriculum across the school. Children also have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school. Children vote each half term to select a Headteacher for the day, they then complete a project to enact change and enhance our school offer.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at St Leonard's. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. There are our class rules, playground rules and e-safety procedures. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

At St Leonard's, 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 young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

St Leonard's is proud of its diverse school family. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, collective worship and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children take part in the Derby faith walks and visit places of worship.

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