

Statement of British Values

Preparing Children for Life in Modern Britain

At Wheatcroft Community Primary School, we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We ensure that the fundamental British Values of **democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those different faiths and beliefs** are incorporated into all aspects of school life and are cross-curricular introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts and, in particular, our RE, PSHE and Citizenship lessons provide excellent opportunities to deepen and develop understanding. These concepts are also further embedded through school assemblies and the embedding of our 'Character Traits.' Children embrace these concepts with enthusiasm and demonstrate a good understanding of their application to their own lives.



At Wheatcroft these values are reinforced in the following ways:

Democracy: Democracy runs throughout all aspects of school. There are lots of opportunities for the children to have their voices heard through the School Council, class discussions and at the beginning of each academic year, the children are invited to revise the Code of Conduct (the set of rules that the children wish the school to be governed by). The School Council Representatives and Year 6 House Captains are chosen by their classmates after an election process has taken place.

The Rule of Law: As the children have been involved in the process of creating the Code of Conduct at the beginning of each academic year, they have a good understanding of school's high expectation of behaviour (this was reflected in the OFSTED's outstanding judgement for behaviour in 2014). The children are taught the value and reasons behind laws including those that govern the country as well as the school. They learn that the laws protect us and that there are consequences when the laws are broken. Visitors from authorities such as the police, fire fighters and regular assemblies are within the school calendar to help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty: At Wheatcroft we actively encourage children to make choices in a safe and supportive environment. Beginning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, the children are supported to make choices from what to have for dinner to choosing what to play with. At Wheatcroft, we educate and provide support to the children to exercise their rights and personal freedom whilst teaching them the skills to do this safely e.g through e safety sessions, PSHE and Citizenship lessons, general ethos of developing self esteem and having someone to talk to.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: This is achieved through enhancing the children's understanding of the world around them and their place in a culturally diverse society. Assemblies, PSHE and RE sessions are used to highlight and celebrate the differences of the world around us. These sessions are taught without biases and prejudices. The school set up a Diversity lunchtime club last year.

Our school makes considerable efforts to ensure children have exposure to a wide range of experiences both within and beyond their local community during which these core concepts are shown, through for example: musical performances, sporting events, a range of visits/visitors, contributing to community projects and use of outdoor education centres. Their strong rooted values-based understanding gives them an excellent platform for embracing difference.