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Promoting British Values

The Department for Education state that there is a 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.”*

In the 2011 Prevent Strategy, the Government set out the definition of British values and this has recently been reiterated by our Prime Minister. Welburn CP School reinforce these values regularly in the following ways:

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at our school. Pupils are listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our school council. The elections of our School Council are based solely on pupils' votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced. Our school has rules and a code of conduct which are reflected in our work every day. Our 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 or rules are broken.

To help promote positive behaviour, we regularly review and reinforce our behaviour policy with the children.

Individual Liberty

Within our 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 pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our e-safety and P.S.H.C.E. lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge; of participation in our numerous extra-curricular activities; our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a core aim of our school. The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have. This is reiterated through our behaviour policy.

Tolerance of Those With Different Faiths and Beliefs

Welburn CP School enhances pupils' understanding of our culturally diverse society with different faiths and beliefs through religious studies, P.S.H.C.E. work and visits to deepen understanding of different beliefs, traditions and celebrations. Through this our pupils gain an understanding of diversity and tolerance.

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