



BRITISH VALUES & DEMOCRACY TEACHING BRITISH VALUES

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT FARINGTON MOSS ST. PAUL'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The DfE have recently reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all school 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 reiterated this year (2014). At Farington Moss St. Paul's these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school. Adults in school always listen to children and are taught to listen carefully and with concern for 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 and annual questionnaires. The elections of the School Council members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the call, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Farington Moss St. Paul's.

At Farington Moss St. Paul's we have a Partnership Promise which clearly outlines our expectations of good behaviour from all stakeholders in the school community. Parents, children and staff sign the document. Each class also discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. 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. We have a school set of playground rules and safety rules.

Individual Liberty

At Farington Moss St. Paul'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 children 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 our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Respect is one of the core values of our school. The children know and understand what is expected and show respect to everyone. The core value of Respect at Farington Moss St. Paul's Primary School underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our core values of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Farington Moss St. Paul's Primary School enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies, assemblies and PSHE lessons.

British History

Through the study of British history pupils at our school are taught to understand the different periods in our history. This takes place in both KS1 and KS2 with cross curricular topic work linked to the study of specific period in British history which underpins notions of our share heritage, values and traditions. In addition the school commemorates historic events such as Armistice Day.

Commitment to Charity Work

The school encourages its pupils to participate in and support good causes and charities. Children at Farington Moss St. Paul's are keen to initiate fund raising for a variety of causes, e.g. Cancer Research, Mind, Children's cancer charity, Marie Curie. Our school sponsors a pupil to be educated in Tanzania. This reinforces that there are large number of people both at home and overseas who are much less fortunate than ourselves and they deserve our support.