

Our British Values Statement

Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools. Departmental advice for maintained schools. November 2014



'Schools should 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 Princess Frederica the British values are interwoven with our nine core values of FORGIVENESS, LOVE, PEACE, THANKFULNESS, SERVICE, ENDURANCE, HOPE, WISDOM AND TRUST. British and school values are taught through our SMSC provision and Christian practise and ethos.

Our British Values in Practise

DEMOCRACY

Children have a voice through the School Council, House Family Groups and circle time in class. School Council is made up of representatives from each class voted for by their peers annually. Meetings are with the coordinator for RE/PHSE/SEAL (and a 'friend' of the school.) Children also have a democratic singular voice in the many voting opportunities in school e.g. voting for school and house prefects. Children have many opportunities to evaluate their learning and respond to annual questionnaires about the school.

THE RULE OF LAW

Children are quickly introduced to our behaviour policy which is carefully balanced with rewards and sanctions. The policy is applied fairly and consistently. Children draw up their own class rules. Using the diamond 9 as a scaffold, they understand and are able to articulate what for each class makes a good learner. They understand the different forms of bullying including cyber-bullying. They know how to stay safe and their rights to feeling safe. Their learning is supported by the Fire Service, Police and online CEOP materials. Pupils understand right from wrong and are able to make sensible individual choices. They have the confidence to bring to the attention of an adult any concerns including safeguarding pertaining to themselves and others.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Children understand not only their collective responsibility but also their individual responsibility and choices in relation to each other. They understand that they all have a right to an education that must not be disrupted by others. Equally they cannot disrupt the learning of their peers. Through our behaviour procedures and structures they understand the responsibilities that go with the choices they make.

MUTUAL RESPECT

At Princess Frederica we emphasise mutual respect which is consistently modelled by adults for all children. Our values, school prayer and songs consolidate the practise of showing mutual respect. Children understand everyone cannot be your friend but you can be civil and show respect to all.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

As a Christian school, we welcome adults and pupils of other faiths. We believe that Jesus embraces all no matter their faith, background or circumstance. We respect and celebrate our differences and value them as a learning resource. Children's unique talents and gifts are nurtured and all children are supported to develop to their full potential.