

British Values

The DfE have recently reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

How do we promote British Values at Ox Close Primary School?

The 5 British Values

- **Democracy**

At Ox Close Primary School we ensure that all children have a voice in school and that their opinions are valued. We have a school council that meet regularly to ensure that all children within the school have a voice that is listened to. We also demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting the democratic processes when voting for the school council members that serve each year group.

- **Individual Liberty**

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We ensure that we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and a rich creative education. All of our children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights. They are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety teaching.

- **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our school. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community are entitled to be treated with respect and this is instilled in the children as soon as they start school.

- **The Rule of the Law**

The importance of having rules is stressed every day at school so that our school is a calm and safe place to be. All of our children are taught the values and reasons behind rules that we must follow. The children are aware of the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

- **Tolerance of faiths and religious beliefs**

At Ox Close Primary school, we carefully plan our topics to ensure that we celebrate the diversity of different faiths and cultures. We want the children to be global citizens and give them the knowledge, skills and understanding of concepts necessary to become informed, active and responsible citizens.