



British Values Fair Field Junior School

The DfE have recently reinforced the 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.’

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and at Fair Field Junior School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy	At our school, we actively promote democracy by involving students in meaningful decision-making processes. From class voting for school councillors to the annual school-wide vote for the charity of the year, our students learn the value of their voices in shaping their community. We encourage them to express their views, ensuring they are listened to and respected. House Captains work closely with the Headteacher on key decisions, modelling collaboration and leadership. Through these activities, we teach our children how to influence change through peaceful and democratic means, empowering them to challenge perceived injustices thoughtfully and effectively.
The Rule of Law	At our school, we uphold the importance of the rule of law by ensuring our rules and expectations are clear, fair, and consistently applied. We celebrate students who embody these values, helping them distinguish right from wrong and understand that living under the rule of law protects everyone. Through PSHE lessons, we explore topics like peer pressure and strategies for resisting negative influences. We also promote inclusivity by referencing the Equality Act 2010 in our Jigsaw and <i>Inclusion Creates Belonging</i> programmes, fostering a safe and respectful environment for all.
Individual Liberty	We are committed to nurturing our students' self-knowledge, self-esteem, and self-confidence while challenging stereotypes and fostering a strong anti-bullying culture. We encourage children to take responsibility for their actions and provide opportunities for them to express their views freely, modelling the value of freedom of speech while safeguarding our most vulnerable. Through comprehensive e-safety education for students, parents, and staff, we ensure that everyone is equipped to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.
Mutual Respect	Our school values of respect, honesty, perseverance, kindness, forgiveness and inclusion are embedded in everything we do. Children are involved in discussions, assemblies and moments of reflection related to what this means and how it is shown. Our <i>Inclusion Creates Belonging</i> and PSHE sessions promote respect for others, and this is reiterated through our therapeutic Behaviour Policy. Our school library offers the children the chance to read books which provide them with a ‘mirror’ into their own lives or a ‘window’ into the lives of people who are different to them.
Tolerance of those of different faiths & beliefs	Our school celebrates diversity and promotes respect for individual differences through our <i>Inclusion Creates Belonging</i> sessions, whole-school assemblies, and curriculum. We actively explore the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010, challenge stereotypes, and address any prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour. By learning about positive role models, visiting places of worship, and welcoming religious leaders into school, our children gain a deeper understanding of various beliefs and customs. Students also take pride in leading assemblies for cultural and religious celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Diwali, Eid, and Christmas, supported by our inclusive RE curriculum.