

Promoting Fundamental British Values

At Pytchley Endowed CE Primary school we actively promote British values, to ensure young people leave prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is "right" and "wrong", all people living in England are subject to its law.

These values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways.

Democracy - We have School and Class Councils so that all pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard. The election of the School Council members reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action; candidates make speeches, pupils vote in secret using ballot boxes etc. The School Council meets regularly to discuss issues raised in Class Councils.

Rule of law - The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern each class, our school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout our school day and referred to when reflecting upon behaviour choices. 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 are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service and Magistrates help reinforce this message.

Individual liberty - Within our school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of learning challenge, of how they record, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual respect - As a Church of England School, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs – Pytchley Endowed CE Primary School is situated in a small village close to Kettering and is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children. Our RE and PSHE reinforce this. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

At Pytchley Primary School we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.