



British Values at Bolsover Infant and Nursery

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 these values have been reiterated this year (2014). At Bolsover these values are reinforced regularly

Meeting the needs of Children through the new curriculum

Preparing for life in Modern Britain...

Our PSHE, RE and wider curriculum fully encompasses the fundamental British values that allow our children to participate and contribute positively to life in modern Britain. Through a wide range of activities the staff and governors ensure children are able to develop and demonstrate the skills, knowledge and attributes needed to do this. This involves covering aspects of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and Beliefs. As our children are very young, we obviously cover all of these aspects in a age appropriate manner.

Using a range of activities, such as:

- Circle time
- Planned lessons
- Assemblies
- Termly topic work
- Wide range of visits and visitors (e.g. Mast Assemblies)
- Visits by the police, fire service and other local service personnel
- Visits to the local places of worship including the local church, the Church in the local town and other places of worship e.g. a Mosque)
- School and Class rules
- Appropriate learning role model inc' Learning hero's
- Work around the 4 Thinking habits
- Developing a collective responsibility wherever possible
- Our cultural diversity policy
- International Award work
- Curriculum week
- E-safety
- Sports Crew
- School Council - The A Team

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules. All the children contribute to the drawing up of these rules. Every child has a say about their class rules and all children sign up to say they will uphold these rules. All children in school are also offered an opportunity to have a say in how their school is run, through 'The A Team'. They get to share what they like and don't like about the school and what needs to change. Regular opportunities are offered for children to have an opinion and vote to gain a consensus. These opportunities are also followed through in their lessons, through our teaching and learning policy.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Bolsover. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our Golden Rules, Playground Rules and Safety Rules. 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.

Individual Liberty

At Bolsover, 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 young pupils 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 through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

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

Here at Bolsover we undertake daily assemblies which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal SEAL, PSHE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days. At Bolsover we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures and our involvement in the work around the International Award. We have a very close link with our Partner school in India and children in Year 2 in particular work closely with them to share differences in our cultures. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

If you would like further information about this or have questions about provision in our school please address these with someone at the school or email headteacher@bolsover-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Thank You