

Brighter Futures Academy Trust

**Siddal Primary
British Values Policy**



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British Values

Introduction:

As of September 2014, the DfE requires all schools to promote the historical and current values that underpin the national identity known as “being British”. Within this, all schools are required to ensure that the curriculum actively promotes these fundamental British values.

What is “Britishness”?

British Values, as defined by the government in 2011 are:

Democracy, the respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process;

The rule of law, respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England;

Individual liberty, support and respect for the liberties of all within the law;

Mutual respect and tolerance, of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Our School:

At Siddal we believe that promoting these values is of paramount importance and do so daily, (in line with the individual pupils’ capacity) through every day school life.

Examples of how we promote British values can be found on our school website.

Democracy:

We provide pupils with a broad general knowledge of, and promote respect for, public institutions and services. We teach our pupils how they can become involved in the democratic process. Our pupil elected school council teaches about the importance of democracy. Our pupils have the opportunity to volunteer their time in activities/roles such as reading partners, eco-warriors, lunchtime monitors and other classroom responsibilities. We also take part in fund raising events for local and national charities. Democracy is also promoted through daily decision making, philosophy for children, PSHCE lessons and assemblies. Pupils are taught about the freedom of speech through assemblies. We also model how perceived injustices can be peacefully challenged. Included in our curriculum is information and lessons on the advantages and disadvantages of democracy and how it works in Britain and biographies of key historical figures such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. Theme weeks are held which mirror the democratic process in the wider world – General Election.

The rule of law:

Our behaviour policy demands high expectations of pupil conduct and this is shared with and agreed by all pupils. Each class agrees a class set of rights and responsibilities which each member is expected to sign up to and follow. Pupils are rewarded for exhibiting good and caring behaviour and consistent demonstration of our values is recognised through things such as ‘Siddal Superstars Awards’, ‘Pupil of the Week’, termly Character Counts Awards and our ‘Always Pupil’ stars. Through our PSHCE lessons, philosophy for children and circle time our pupils are taught how to earn trust and respect and are supported to develop a strong sense of morality; knowing right from wrong and doing the right thing even when it’s difficult. We take part in local initiatives such as road safety initiatives, fire awareness, water safety, rail safety and

maintain links with local police officers. Children are taught about equality and mutual respect for all and this is reinforced through our behaviour policy. We teach children to respect the law and the basis on which it is made.

Individual liberty:

Through our school values and PSHE lessons, children are taught about personal responsibility, choices, ambition and aspiration. They are encouraged to take opportunities to follow their interests in art, sport etc. Every half term the children have a choice of attendance at a wide variety of clubs which cater for most interests, (pupils make suggestions of additional clubs which are not covered already).

Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, including on-line. This is done through computing lessons, e-safety days, and assemblies and outside organisations such as the NSPCC and Lifeline, as well as through the PSHCE curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely. Pupils are involved in 1:1 Assertive Mentoring meetings with their teachers when they discuss their subject targets and decide on a personal target to work towards.

Pupils are expected during their time at Siddal to become more independent in their learning, become reflective learners and to become increasingly more able to self manage their behaviour.

Mutual respect:

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Our behaviour policy demands high expectations of pupil conduct and this is shared with and agreed by all pupils. Through our school's values, PSHE and circle time children are taught to respect each other, to be cooperative and collaborative, be supportive and to look for similarities while being understanding of differences. Mutual respect is an expectation of all and is promoted through daily life, PSHE lessons and assemblies.

Pupils learn to get along with all ages through joint House activities, the use of talk partners, table buddies and group work in class and by cross class support, for example writing buddies in years 2 and 5.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in competitive sports which encourage team work and respect for the opponent.

Tolerance of different faiths and belief: (Respect, tolerance and understanding)

Pupils learn about a range of faiths and beliefs and how difference enriches life experiences. We celebrate different races, religions and beliefs around the world. . Our behaviour policy demands high expectations of pupil conduct and this is shared with and agreed by all pupils. Pupils are encouraged to voice their opinions and listen to the opinions of others in a tolerant manner.

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs is promoted through the syllabus for religious education. Pupils learn about different religions, their beliefs, places of worship and festivals. We hold special assemblies celebrating significant religious festivals such as Ramadan and Diwali, St. George's Day, St. David's Day where guest speakers, staff and pupils are invited to share their beliefs and traditions. Pupils have the opportunity to visit places of worship and we have close links with our local church St. Marks where we hold various special services throughout the year.