



Promoting British Values at Greenside School

The DfE have identified a 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 by the Prime Minister this year. At Greenside School these values are demonstrated throughout the school: Our whole school community code “*Working as One – Learning Together*” helps us to promote strong values in ways that are meaningful for our young people.

Much of our work on values is achieved as part of our Social, Moral and Spiritual and Cultural curriculum (SMSC) as well as our approach to teaching about “good choices”.

Democracy:

We listen to pupils’ and parent’s/carer’s voice. We are clear in showing that we want the young people to contribute and co-operate and consider the views and needs of others. Our pupil voice policy ensures that they have a real say in their school.

The Rule of Law:

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of young people. Whenever appropriate learners are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules), that they are there to protect us, that everyone has responsibility and that there may be consequences when rules are disregarded.

Individual Liberty:

Within school, everyone is actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we try and help our young people learn about what makes a good choice. Young people are encouraged to express their views and we respond to their preferences and interests throughout our teaching.

Mutual Respect:

All staff demonstrate respect to everyone they come into contact with. They consistently promote the behaviours and attitudes that are the foundation of positive relationships. The strong school ethos encourages everyone to consider and support each other and to celebrate the worth and individuality of every member of the school community.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

A key theme in our teaching is understanding the world around us, and this includes providing experiences relating to different faiths, beliefs and cultures.