

Promoting British Values Statement

This statement has been produced in response to the November 2014 Department for Education advice on “Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools.” SMSC refers to the Spiritual Moral Social and Cultural Education of our pupils.

As a school we will focus on:

1. How our work is effective in securing these values
2. Challenging pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors who express opinions contrary to these values

Democracy

We will try to teach our pupils how they can influence decisions democratically. We will encourage our pupils to become involved in our School Council which is our active pupil voice.

We will organise visits through the Parliamentary Outreach Service We will model how perceived “injustice” can be challenged peacefully.

Rule of Law

We will ensure that our school rules are fair and clear

We will help our children to distinguish between right and wrong choices.

We will encourage visits from the police.

We will continue to explore restorative justice as a way of resolving conflicts.

Individual Liberty

We will support our pupils to develop self-confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness.

We will encourage our pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour, as well as knowing their rights.

We will challenge stereotypes.

We will implement our strong anti-bullying culture.

We will follow the Rights Respecting Schools agenda.

Respect and Tolerance

We will promote respect for individual differences.

We will help our pupils to understand and to respect their own and other cultures.

We will challenge any discriminatory behaviour.

We will visit places of worship.

We will develop links with faith communities.

We will discuss differences between people including gender, faith, ethnicity, disability and family situation.