

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about British values and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gilbert.

External information

The following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) may be useful for further information:

Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools, GOV.UK – DfE

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380595/SMSC_Guidance_Maintained_Schools.pdf

Parkway Primary School

Fundamental British
Values



Information for
Parents and Carers



What are 'fundamental British values'?

Schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. As part of this requirement, schools are expected to actively promote fundamental British values.

The government defines these as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

What does this mean for my child?

Schools' programmes for learning about fundamental British values are designed to prepare children and young people for life in modern Britain.

This includes helping pupils understand:

- The importance of combatting discrimination
- How we can influence decision-making by taking part in democratic processes like voting and petitioning
- Our freedom under British law to choose different faiths and beliefs
- That the law is there to keep us safe

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What does this look like in our school?

At Parkway Primary we:

- Promote the fundamental British values through our school ethos. We embody democracy in the way we work and within the ethos and culture of our school – within a framework of rules, regulations which are there for the benefit of everyone.
- Teach British values embedded in different curriculum subjects such as; history, PSHE, English, RE and geography. For example, the British value of 'mutual respect' is promoted in English through the use of talk partners and paired reading and in maths through pupils working in pairs or groups.
- Ensure that our teaching of British values is adapted for the age/maturity of our pupils by using age appropriate materials and resources from our Early Years through to Key Stage Two.
- Ensure that all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, and demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting democratic processes (such as a school council whose members are voted for by the pupils).
- Teach about tolerance and combat extremist views through PSHE lessons and help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include: exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity, challenging prejudices and racist comments. Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child still be able to express his/her faith at school?

Absolutely. One of the fundamental British values is respect and tolerance of people with different faiths. British law protects people's freedom to hold their own beliefs.

Any prejudice or discrimination towards pupils on the basis of their faith goes against the fundamental British values and will not be tolerated.

How will this affect my child's lessons?

The curriculum provides lots of opportunities to look at fundamental British values. Your child may already have some experience of this in lessons such as religious education (RE) and personal, social and health education (PSHE).

Our school looks out for these opportunities and encourage children to think about how the values link into the topics they are studying.

Will there be major changes to the school's ethos?

Our school's ethos already includes many aspects of the government's fundamental British values. For example; tolerance for others' religious beliefs and respecting other people.

Promoting fundamental British values will reinforce, not change, our current ethos.