

Tankersley C of E (A) Primary School

British Values Policy



'A love of learning developed in a Christian environment.'



British Values at Tankersley C of E Primary School 2016

At Tankersley C of E Primary School we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values which are defined as:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

These values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE), and Religious Education (RE). We also teach the British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. We have achieved the following external accreditations which demonstrate evidence of our commitment to British Values:

- Ofsted grade of 'Good' behaviour (2014)

The school takes opportunities to actively promote British Values through our daily assemblies and whole school systems and structures such as electing and running a successful School Council. We also actively promote the British Values through ensuring that our curriculum planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring these values. Actively promoting British Values also means challenging pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

At Tankersley C of E Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. The council meets every month with the Head teacher to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. The council has its own budget and is genuinely able to effect change within the school. The elections of members of the School Council are based on pupil votes. The children and staff actively work and live by the 5 school aims and classroom rules which are created by the children; these are our 'Behaviour Codes'. These codes are available in each classroom and throughout school and are actively used by children and adults influencing what is an agreed acceptable behaviour. One of our school aims is Community Spirit; we strive to make links with parents. The Friends of Tankersley group allows parents to be involved in and to make decisions about their child's school life and teaching and learning through various workshops and learning events, e.g. phonics workshop, maths workshop, coffee morning reading breakfast etc. Parents are also excellent at supporting our whole school projects and fundraising events, e.g. Ghana fundraisers, being involved in designing and making the Japanese garden and fundraising events for many charities.

The Rule of Law:

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our 5 School Aims, 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. We have Junior Road Safety Officers who campaign for road safety around our local area and promote safe parking outside school. We have a 'Traffic Light System' for behaviour. Postcards home and phone calls to parents have been introduced recently to reward children for always being on 'green' and living their life by the chosen set of rules.

Individual Liberty:

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum. Through the use of many different teaching strategies including Kagan Structures we enable children to work together in groups and promote independence in learning. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety teaching and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs, choose the level of challenge in some lessons and are becoming increasingly more involved in child-led learning and planning and delivering child led assemblies. We provide extra-curricular teaching for healthy eating through various cooking activities both as a class activity and whole school events. Children have the opportunity to apply for roles and responsibilities through the school job shop. This encourages the children to contribute to the wider school life. The enterprise projects which take place every Friday afternoon also give the children the opportunity to make choices and learn new skills making them better prepared for the world outside of school.



Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy are based around core Christian values such as 'Respect', 'Community Spirit' and 'Responsibility' and these values determine how we live as a community at Tankersley Primary School. Displayed in our hall we have jars which represent our core Christian values, when children demonstrate one of these values they are allowed to place a bead in the corresponding jar. The jars create a visual picture of our Christian values. Assemblies are based on 'Values for Life' and are central to how we expect everyone to go about their life at our school. Every week we celebrate the achievements of pupils in our Sparkle and Shine assembly. Children and adults alike, including visitors, are challenged if they are disrespectful in any way. Values are highly visible around the school and can be seen in posters, certificates and as part of our agreed behaviour policy. To enhance the children's understanding of diverse groups of people including those with disabilities we take part in national British sign language events. The whole school participates in an anti-bullying themed week to heighten the awareness and consequences of bullying and anti-social behaviours. Pupils volunteer to be trained as peer mentors (B.O.T) where they support children to uphold the playground rules. A Lego intervention group takes place to encourage and teach children about the importance of sharing, taking turns, working together and respecting each others opinions.



Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity in our local community which is by large white British. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-

based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. During Bible Week the children participate in various activities based around Christianity and are able to visit a prayer tent and work with Hand to Mouth. We are very proud to be linked to Mfensi Methodist primary school in Ghana and our 'Ghanaian brothers and sisters' are represented through photos around the school. Linked projects encourage children to consider similarities and differences between our two schools and staff make visits between Tankersley C of E Primary School and Mfensi Methodist primary school. Pupils knowledge and understanding of the worldwide church is greatly enhanced through the link with Ghana.' This work has been facilitated by achieving the International Schools Award. We celebrate 'International Day as a whole school encouraging children to research and discover differences and similarities between us and our people around the world. We have made links with a school in France and children frequently send and receive pen pal letters. Likewise we use opportunities such as the Olympics and World Cup to study and learn about life and culture in countries such as Brazil. In Year 3 the children have the opportunity to visit a Mosque and Hindu Mandir. We have been awarded a grant from the Japanese Council to develop and enhance our outdoor learning provision to provide the children with a calm and reflective area. We have also participated in the 'Send a child to school' project and are working closely with other local schools to develop our International Schools work, having regular INSET meetings.

Examples of the British Values being taught in the curriculum at Tankersley C of E Primary School

Foundation Stage

As part of our daily set up in the Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) children are taught the value of individual liberty through self-selecting their learning activities in the indoor and outdoor environments. The value of democracy is taught through collaborative decision making, such as choosing a collective class reward or deciding how to set up a role play area. Curriculum planning is influenced by following children's interests to engage them in their learning. Children learn about the rule of law by understanding and cooperating with class rules, boundaries and routines. Children also learn to respect each other's views and opinions through circle time activities. They learn to share and cooperate with each other while they play together. Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs is promoted through learning about Hanukkah, Chinese New Year and Diwali.

Year 1

In RE children study Judaism including learning about the culture and traditions of others. Through these they learn about the similarities between Christian and Jewish faiths. Children learn to contribute to the life of the classroom taking on different roles and responsibilities. Together the children construct and agree a set of rules and are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour in relation to these. Children are taught the value of democracy through voting for their class name. Through circle time sessions children are taught to respect one another and other people in school. In PSHE sessions children are encouraged to make healthy food choices.

Year 2

In R.E, the children study the celebrations of Jewish and Christian Faiths. They also learn about the Jewish laws written in the Torah and the 10 commandments. They learn to show mutual respect for one another when working in their table groups or talk partners. The children learn about a family and school in Tocuaro Mexico recognising the similarities and differences between our daily lives. Children are actively encouraged to make personal choices about the foods they eat following their learning about Healthy Living. Each year in their PSHE lessons the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. The children also learn about rules for keeping safe both indoors and outside in the wider world and we learn about how we can look after our environment. In our Circle Time children are encouraged to use 'I agree', 'I disagree' phrases to show respect for opinions of others. Part of our RE curriculum focuses on respect and responsibility for the environment. We learn about 'Awe & Wonder' and the importance of protecting our natural world. We learn mutual respect in our Celebrations topic where we look at respecting other faiths. In history we learn about two key historical figures Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole who through adversity exercised their rights and personal freedoms and proved that determination could overcome prejudice.

Year 3

In PSHE, children learn to develop a mutual respect for each other and how to resolve differences. The year begins with the creation of a class charter, which all children contribute to. They learn to consider why rules are important and contemplate the consequences of a society with no laws. Through the study of Ancient Greece, children learn to appreciate how democracy came into being and how everyone's voice is important. Children learn how the freedom of choice is important through PSHE and in History they learn the negative consequences of how invaders have imposed their way of life on those they conquer. In RE, children learn about Christianity, Islam and Hinduism and take an active interest in understanding different belief systems to their own. Children learn to

appreciate diversity and cultivate an environment of tolerance and respect for all.

Year 4

In Year 4 the children learn about democracy by holding their own campaign and elections for their class council representatives. The reps listen to suggestions/problems from their classmates and report to the council. Children vote on certain issues to do with school and everyday decisions, such as which book to read to the class at story time. The rule of law is taught by following their own class rules and the school golden rules. The children have a good knowledge of behaviour systems and consequences. Individual liberty is encouraged by the children expressing their own views and reinforced by their work on anti-bullying and e-safety. Children are also taught the information necessary for them to make their own choices about healthy living and lifestyles. Mutual respect is expected of all the children and adults in Class 4. We encourage the children to give positive feedback to each other for their written work, music and PE. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is taught through our study of the Tudor period and the break with Rome and persecution which followed.

Year 5

Our lessons equip pupils with the skills and knowledge to explore political and social issues critically, to weigh evidence, debate and make reasoned arguments. In Maths we prepare pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens, manage their money well and make sound financial decisions. Through our RE lessons we are taught to tolerate other faiths through the teachings about Judaism. They also look into the similarities between Christianity and Judaism. To encourage democracy the class decides what our rules are and why we need them to succeed. Through texts studied in our English lessons, e.g. 'Piggybook' they learn about respect for women in society, particularly mothers. We challenge gender stereotypes and learn that everyone has a role to play in their household. To encourage democracy, if decisions need to be made, a class vote is taken. Children learn about the importance of recycling and how it can affect future generations. They understand that changes will start to happen as they develop and that some of their peers will change at

different times. Through PHSCE the children learn to respect each others opinions and understand that sometimes, there is no 'right' answer, just different opinions.

Year 6

Children in Year 6 are responsible for monitoring and facilitating, assemblies. Children reflect on and celebrate their achievements, identify their strengths, areas for improvements and set high aspirations and goals. They learn to recognise their increasing independence and that this brings increased responsibility and tolerance of other people's opinions and ideas. Each year in their PSHE lessons the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. Through their history topic on World War Two, children are learning about Europe's fight for freedom and a democratic Europe. They are studying the leadership of women during the war and how this impacted on women's voices being heard. They use a voting system to elect the Year 6 council members. As part of their PSHE, children visit 'Crucial Crew' where they are taught to make the right choices surrounding use of the internet, railways, drugs and alcohol. They learn about the rules that are in place in society to prevent misuse of these and learn how to keep safe. Children continue to build on the value of individual liberty making choices on their residential visit to Kingswood. This trip promotes both independence and responsibility. Mutual respect is a value learnt from an early age and this is re-emphasised in Year 6 with the buddy system with Foundation Stage. Children give and receive respect from their buddies acting as positive role models in the school environment and society. In R.E, they are learning to respect and tolerate other faiths through their unit on what Hindus believe about death and reincarnation. Year 6 pupils participate in the Hand to Mouth Labyrinth in RE which helps children to reflect on the transition to Secondary school and becoming part of a new community.

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