

Promoting Fundamental British Values at Becket

All schools have a responsibility “to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

We aim to actively promote British values in our school to ensure our children leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. We believe we are educating the citizens of the future.

Pupils are encouraged to regard people as individuals and to treat everyone with respect regardless of their faith, race or culture, and whilst different people may hold different views about what is 'right' or 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its laws.

Our curriculum ensures that the children understand how democratic ideas developed in Ancient Greece, and how it developed and came about in Britain. We discuss the importance of making their voice heard through the democratic process.

The whole school do a weekly Collective worship around one of the British values themes, and it is related to what is current in the news.





Democracy at Becket:

- Provide pupils with a broad general knowledge of, and promote respect for, public institutions and services
- Teach pupils how they can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- Include in the curriculum information on the advantages and disadvantages of democracy and how it works in Britain
- Encourage pupils to become involved in decision-making processes and ensure they are listened to in school
- Give every pupil a voice through the pupil voice councils.
- Give every pupil a voice through pupil surveys and questionnaires
- Help pupils to express their views
- Model how perceived injustice can be peacefully challenged – through the Y6 peer mediators
- Highlight democracy through history topics where relevant (Ancient Greece, magna carta etc)
- We promote Circle Time and discussion groups



Rule of Law at Becket:



- Ensure school rules and expectations are clear and fair
- Discuss, agree and create class contracts at the start of each academic year and we celebrate adhering to these rules
- Ensure pupils have a very clear understanding of their responsibility for the choices they make and the sanctions that are in place when rules and/ or values are not followed.
- Help pupils to distinguish right from wrong
- Help pupils to respect the law and the basis on which it is made
- Help pupils to understand that living under the rule of law protects individuals
- Ensure the pupils develop their understanding of actions, responsibilities and consequences through our robust PSHE curriculum including visits from/ to authorities such as the Police, Fire Service and Lifeguards.
- Reinforce morals, values, rules and laws as an integral part of our learning ensuring pupils become law abiding citizens.
- Ensure staff are excellent role models for pupils and that they follow the same procedure when dealing with incidents so that all pupils are treated fairly and respectfully



Individual Liberty at Becket



- We support the aims enshrined in the UNICEF Rights of the Child ideal
- Support pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- Encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour, as well as knowing their rights
- Encourage children to make learning choices; do they need headphones or a privacy board, do they need to get maths equipment to help them.
- Model freedom of speech through pupil participation, while ensuring protection of vulnerable pupils and promoting critical analysis of evidence
- Challenge stereotypes
- Implement a strong anti-bullying culture
- Teach online-Safety throughout the school



Mutual Respect at Becket



- Promote respect for individual differences
- Help pupils to acquire an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures and ways of life
- Challenge prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- Organise visits to places of worship
- Develop links with faith and other communities through RE and working alongside children and their families
- Teach pupils about, and allow them to discuss, our culturally diverse society and a wide range of different religions
- Provide opportunities for pupils to study and learn about life and culture in different countries through our project work
- Learning to disagree in a respectful way
- Actively promote positive friendships and have a robust anti-bullying policy

