



Magdalen Gates Primary School

WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY FOR BRITISH VALUES

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Promoting British Values at Magdalen Gates Primary School

The Department for Education sets a clear expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values were defined in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and reaffirmed by the government in 2014.

At Magdalen Gates Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly through class sessions, assemblies and daily interactions. They are taught, modelled and embedded across the curriculum.

Magdalen Gates Primary School also fulfils its duties under the Prevent Duty (Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015) and follows the most recent Department for Education guidance when promoting fundamental British values.

Democracy

Democracy is embedded throughout the school. Pupils are listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and respectfully to one another, recognising that everyone has the right to express their views. Pupils have regular opportunities to share their opinions and ideas through our School Parliament, pupil surveys and parent-teacher meetings. Elections for School Parliament members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting the British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether those that govern the class, the school or the country, is consistently reinforced. Each class discusses and agrees its own classroom rules, which are then applied consistently. Pupils are taught the value and purpose of laws: that they exist to protect us, the responsibilities they bring, and the consequences when they are broken.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. We provide clear boundaries that help pupils make choices responsibly and confidently. Pupils are taught to understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, and how to do so safely; this is reinforced through our online safety and PSHE lessons. Whether through choice of challenge, how they record their learning, or participation in extra-curricular activities, pupils are given the freedom to make informed choices.

Our safeguarding and trauma-informed practice ensures all pupils, including those with SEND, can exercise their rights and freedoms safely.

Mutual Respect

Pupils know and understand that respect must be shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have, and to everything, however big or small. The core value of Respect at Magdalen Gates Primary School underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our core value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Magdalen Gates Primary School enhances pupils' understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies, PSHE, Personal Development, our broad curriculum and welcoming visitors. RSHE teaching reinforces respectful relationships, acceptance of different families and an understanding of diversity at an age-appropriate level. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths. Beliefs, traditions and customs are studied, with visitors invited into our school to enrich and extend understanding. Through this, pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.