



British Values at Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School

All schools have a duty to 'actively promote' the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Democracy

At Spring Meadow, we ensure all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to. We do this through our corridor suggestion boxes, through pupil surveys, through circle time and through our school council. Each year our school hall is turned into a polling station and a full election takes place. Members are voted for by the pupils.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced at Spring Meadow. The classes in the Early Years and those in KS1 all discuss and agree what is allowed in order to be fair to all in the setting. The children are supported to understand the reasons for the rules, and understand if they break the rules there are always consequences for all involved.

Individual Liberty

Our children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and empowering learning. Our children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely. Examples of this can be clearly seen during play times and Forest School activities. Whether it is through choice of challenge; or of participation in our numerous extra- curricular activities - our pupils are given the freedom to make choices. Choice brings future happiness.

Mutual Respect

The children know and understand that respect is expected and it is imperative that respect is shown to everyone - old and young, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of respect underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom and in and out of the school.

Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies; PSHE work, including electing school council members. Welcoming visitors and enjoying collective worship assemblies where differing faiths are also explored. Beliefs, traditions and customs are studied in depth, with visitors being invited in to our school to enrich and extend our children's and our community's understanding. Through this our pupils gain a deep understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and of their place in our global community.