



British Values Policy Statement

The key British Values

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five key British Values are:

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

Roles and responsibilities

Sandhills School understands the importance of promoting British values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum.

The Headteacher will ensure that all staff are aware of the requirement to uphold British values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.

Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, the fundamental British values.

Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the school's ethos and Behaviour Policy.

Democracy

At Sandhills School pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard through pupil questionnaires, pupil voice interviews, suggestions box and the pupil-elected school council.

Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

We have used assemblies and visitors to teach the children about democracy in the UK and how our political system works.

The rule of law

Sandhills School has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Through the School Council, our pupils are involved in the creation and adaptation of school rules to inspire them with this understanding.

At Sandhills School pupils are taught these values and the reasons behind laws, whether they govern the class, the school or the country, that are essential for their well-being and safety.

Pupils are encouraged to engage in healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law.

We enable pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England.

We encourage pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely.

Individual liberty

At Sandhills School we foster a safe and supportive environment where pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.

Pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on e-safety and PSHCE lessons.



Mutual respect

Respect forms a core pillar of Sandhills School's ethos. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect.

This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy and values curriculum promoting mutual respect.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Sandhills School acknowledges that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.

Throughout the year, form times and assemblies focus on bullying, with reference to prejudice based bullying, and discussion is encouraged.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is supported by the RE and PSHCE curriculum.

We encourage our pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning.

Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling pupils to acquire an appreciation of, and respect for, their own and other cultures eg. discussion of fasting in different faiths.

Staff training

Sandhills School staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British values during their induction.

If deemed necessary, staff will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.