



Red Hall Primary School

British Values Policy

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Our Ethos

At Red Hall Primary School, we are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our whole school community – pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors.

We have worked hard to develop a unique ethos, which puts our children and the staff's well-being at the heart of everything we do. This is what sits at the core of the service we provide at Red Hall Primary School.

We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play.

At our school we:

- help children to understand and manage their emotions and feelings better
- help children and staff to feel comfortable sharing any concerns or worries
- help children socially to form and maintain relationships
- promote self-esteem and ensure children and staff know that they count
- support children to recognise the impact of choices they make
- encourage children and staff to be confident
- help children and staff to develop emotional resilience and to manage setbacks

Teaching British Values

Promoting British Values at Red Hall Primary School

The DfE have recently reinforced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation of all schools to 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."

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At Red Hall Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules.

We have a school council which meets regularly. They meet regularly with SLT to discuss issues raised in council meetings. The council is genuinely able to effect change within the school. Every child on the school council is voted in by their class.

Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Red Hall Primary School.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school, these being Our Rights and Responsibilities, the code of conduct and our Line Up Code. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

At Red Hall Primary School, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate and provide boundaries for young people to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect. The first of our Rights and Responsibilities is to be respected and to show respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Red Hall Primary School actively promotes diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge and enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.