



British Values Statement

At Oakridge Primary School we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We value the ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate and explore these, alongside other cultures in our country.

We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts. Our curriculum is underpinned by our 4 key curriculum drivers: Life-long learners, Enrichment; Making a positive contribution and Developing character. We use these 'drivers' to underpin the learning and experiences we undertake in all areas of school life and to ensure our curriculum offer is enriched to suit the needs of our pupils. Each subject leader ensures that British Values are discussed and exemplified in their subject area to meet our driver of 'Making a positive contribution'. We also follow a structured plan of learning for PSHE which ensures that all British values are discussed regularly. Each year the children re-visit the topics of 'Celebrating Difference' and 'Being Me in my World' which enable children to reflect on British values in a meaningful and personal way. Assemblies allow children to explore a diverse set of themes which relate to British Values, allowing pupils to reflect upon them with greater understanding as they progress through school.

The school makes considerable efforts to ensure children have exposure to a wide experience beyond their local community during which these concepts are shown, through for example, sporting events, a range of visits and use of outdoor education centres. Their strong rooted values-based understanding gives them an excellent platform for embracing difference.

At Oakridge, we value the voice of the child and promote democratic processes such as our pupil voice council whose members are voted for by the children. Ideas and events are planned and discussed with a chance for debate and putting forward points of view.

We expect all our children to be good role models for each other, which is encouraged through high expectations of behaviour. We use 'The Oakridge Way' to convey this to the children and this underpins our school ethos and behaviour policy. The Oakridge Way demonstrates the learning behaviours we expect the children to develop and apply. They are being resourceful, reciprocal, resilient and reflective. The Oakridge Way also exemplifies the personal attributes we expect to see in our children. These are kindness, being well-mannered, being trustworthy and respectful.

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Mutual Respect and the Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs	<p>Respect is a fundamental aspect of 'The Oakridge Way'. We pay explicit attention to this as part of our curriculum learning, assemblies and whole school ethos.</p> <p>Respect is a school value that is discussed deeply, starting with self-respect and covering respect for family, friends, and other groups; the world and its people; and the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of Collective Worship and Golden Book certificates • Curriculum planning and outcomes in books • Learning Walks for behaviour and behaviour for learning School Values • Enrichment visits • The physical environment which celebrates artists from around the world 	<p>Children can articulate that respect is a school value and why respect is important; how they show respect to others and how they feel about it for themselves.</p> <p>Children's behaviour demonstrates their good understanding of this value in action. Children are able to talk about the different faiths and cultures they learn about, ask questions and show tolerance and respect for others of different faiths and religions.</p>
Democracy	<p>The children at Oakridge Primary see democracy borne out in a whole variety of ways and see this as being an essential component of successful team working.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of a new Pupil Voice Council each year models the democratic process. • Yr 6 voting for end of the year awards • Learning Walks for behaviour and behaviour for learning School Values • Curriculum planning and outcomes eg when learning about Ancient Greece 	<p>Children are able to work cooperatively in pairs and groups as well as in whole class situations. They understand about turn taking and respecting the views of others. Children in school are able to use the language of respect.</p>
Rule of Law	<p>The children at Oakridge Primary are familiar with this concept through the philosophy that infuses the entire work of the school. They are familiar with the concept through the discussion of values and, in RE lessons, the idea that different religions have guiding principles.</p> <p>Children are used to debating and discussing laws/rules and their application. Children are familiar with the local police who visit to talk to them informally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oakridge Way • Lessons on the role of law and parliament • Pupil Voice meetings • Collective Worship • RE planning and work books. • Learning Walks for behaviour and behaviour for learning 	<p>Children are able to articulate how and why we need to behave in school and demonstrate they understand and can abide by these.</p> <p>Children all know that they have a right but that with a right comes a responsibility. They are able to discuss and debate philosophical issues in relation to these.</p>
Individual Liberty	<p>Our Values based discussions and acts of worship begin with discussion about the self, e.g. self-respect and self-worth in relation to the individual value so that children see that they are important in their own right. The philosophy of our teaching and learning places emphasis on the right to have our own thoughts and evidence based views.</p> <p>Children are strongly encouraged to develop independence in learning and to think for themselves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are able to show independence in learning and to think for themselves. 	<p>Children understand about the importance of accepting responsibility and of their right to be heard in school.</p> <p>They are consulted on many aspects of school life and demonstrate independence of thought and action.</p>

