

DOWNSELL PRIMARY SCHOOL: British Values



At Downsell Primary School, we develop and promote British Values throughout our school and within our curriculum. The Values of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our school motto of Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, contributes to our aspirations for our pupils. We want all of our children to leave our school ready for life in modern Britain, leading by example. Through the teaching and promoting British Values we aim for our pupils to have:

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety
- an understanding that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary, and that while some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through Parliament, others such as the courts maintain independence
- an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination

How does our curriculum contribute to teaching about British Values?		
Whole school	Democracy	The Rule of Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes preparation for and an appreciation of life in modern Britain • Links to SMSC • A British Value focus each half term • Assemblies specifically related to a British Value • Providing a range of student led opportunities • Developing student voice and an understanding of democracy through student led opportunities • Having clear school routines and expectations, consistently implemented • Our PSHE curriculum covers many aspects related to British Values (1decision) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Council • School council members taking part in Youth Parliament • Encourage children to take part in decision making processes and ensure they are listened to • Class charter • Children work co-operatively in pairs and small groups. They are taught turn taking from a young age • Pupil voice in all subject areas, aspects of the school and safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour ambassadors and playground leaders support expectations of behaviours in the playground • Class charter and the adherence to the agreed expectations • Children are supported to distinguish from what's right or wrong • Visits from community support officers and fire service • Use of social stories for pupils with SEND to explain consequences of behaviour • Safer Internet Day promoted and celebrated • 1decision: Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
	Individual Liberty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting of Rights Respecting School Articles • Pupils have key roles and responsibilities in school such as Safeguarding Ambassadors, Digital Leaders etc. • Reflection time for children after negative behaviours • Pupil voice in all subject areas, aspects of the school and safeguarding • Lessons around safeguarding – understanding your own rights • Choice of after school clubs • 1decision: respectful relationships, online relationships, being safe, internet safety and harms 	Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting of Rights Respecting School Articles • Marking key religious festival and events • Helping students learn and understand about a range of faiths • Visits to different places of worship • Diversity Week • Our school lunch menu has days throughout the year dedicated to foods from around the world • Discussing relevant and current news and events • 1decision: respectful relationships, online relationships
	Mutual Respect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting of Rights Respecting School Articles • Anti-bullying week • Within our school ethos • Children work co-operatively in pairs and small groups. They are taught turn taking from a young age • Diversity Week • 1decision: respectful relationships, online relationships, internet safety and harms 	