



Fakenham Junior School

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PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT FAKENHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

The DfE have reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on 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.' At Fakenham Junior School we aim to regularly reinforce these values in the following ways:

Democracy

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through regular School Council Meetings. Elections for School Council Representatives are carried out each year and are based solely on pupil votes. School Council representatives are given the opportunity to feedback to their class and for issues to be debated. A noticeboard devoted to School Council issues contains information and the minutes of all School Council Meetings.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the school day, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws; that they govern and protect us; the responsibilities required in following laws; and the consequences when laws are broken. FJS Behaviour Policy clearly highlights the rules we must follow in school and the consequences when these rules are broken. Rules are visible throughout the school and when children enter school in Year 3 parents and children are asked to sign a home-school agreement whereby they agree to follow these rules.

Individual Liberty

At FJS, pupils are actively encouraged to make informed choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment, which allows them to make these choices safely. For example, whilst pupils are encouraged to make their own choices in using the internet, we place considerable emphasis on providing extensive E-safety learning. Pupils are given freedoms to make choices about how they record their work, how they use their 'gush' books, where they spend their lunchtimes and in joining extra-curricular clubs.

Mutual Respect

Our Behaviour policy and school values highlight the importance we place on respect and how it is shown. Pupils are encouraged to recognise how respect is shown towards one another, as well as towards adults in the school. Adults in school model respect for pupils, whilst assemblies and SMSC lessons reinforce why and how respect is shown. Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs. This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudice and prejudice-based bullying have been supported by learning in RE and SMSC. Traditions and celebrations form part of the assembly programme.



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