



Promoting British Values

Love, joy and trust – The Wootton Way!

The Department for Education has recently stated the need to:

'create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'

This means that our school curriculum must actively promote these fundamental British values and we have addressed this in the following ways:

Democracy

Democracy is evident throughout our school. Children are given opportunities for their voice to be heard. Children are selected to help discuss the strengths of the school and areas for improvement.

The children at Wootton St Andrew's have a genuine effect on change within school, such as helping shape marking and behavior policies, shaping classroom and playground rules, and choosing charities to support.

The children are also given a questionnaire with which they are able to put forward their views about the school.

As part of our belief in the importance of pupil voice all views are respected. Pupils are encouraged to join discussions in assemblies and in class debates.

The curriculum enhances pupils' understanding of democracy. For example we have had a visit from our local M.P. and Mayor of North Lincolnshire during the last year and will invite them back when appropriate to do so.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the school, or the country, are reinforced in Collective Worship and across the curriculum. Children are taught the values and reason behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message.

In addition, Christian values are promoted daily and supported by special visitors from the Church.

Individual Liberty

As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young children to be actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Through learning about E-safety; in PHSCE and RE lessons; during maths problem solving or practical science; within the Early Years provision and also extra-curricular activities children are given the freedom to make choices safely.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of values. Children learn their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. From respect also comes the other Christian values of compassion, friendship, trust, thankfulness, justice, forgiveness, which help us all to strive to become a better person and a stronger community.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our school is predominantly White British and therefore we make every effort to ensure that our children experience and understand cultural diversity by having theme days, themed lunches and thoughtful curriculum planning. Collective Worship is regularly planned to promote diversity either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE lessons reinforce this.

At Wootton St Andrew's we actively challenge children, staff and parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

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