



Promoting British Values at Courthouse Green November 2014

As part of our curriculum we want to ensure that our children at Courthouse have a shared respect for what makes our school community special within the context of what being a responsible member of the world beyond them means.

We value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all our pupils and their families and plan a variety of events and learning experiences to celebrate them whilst also reinforcing to our children what it means to be 'British'. Underpinning this are a range of curriculum themes which have strong links to the Geography and History of Britain and the wider world from which our children learn tolerance and respect for all.

We will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

The school undertakes daily assemblies which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal PSHCE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days.

Democracy

- Democracy is core to our school ethos. Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Junior Leadership Team, our Eco Council and through our Anti Bullying Champions. We also promote democracy through our assemblies, Black History week and through focus days linked to our curriculum breadth of studies. Our Head Girl and Head Boy and prefects are also elected following a democratic process.
- All children contribute towards the learning in their class via the Learning Forums.
- Elections for any representative council are undertaken in each class where every child has a vote.
- Governors meet with the children regularly through our monitoring cycle to discuss their views about the school and their learning.
- Children are always encouraged to express their opinions and we foster an environment where children are safe to disagree with each other

The Rule of Law

- The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced in our expectations throughout every day.
- Our school rules are displayed in every classroom and consistently reinforced through positive behaviour strategies.
- Regular visits from the police reinforce the idea that there are laws that govern our land which are in place to protect us.

Individual Liberty

- Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices about their learning and their behaviour.
- Through pupil discussions and reflections we encourage the children to develop a vocabulary to talk about their learning and their behaviour.
- We provide children with the opportunities to make choices in a safe environment. Children are encouraged to know and understand their personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely through for example our e-safety sessions, forest school sessions, circle time, class and whole school assemblies and extra-curricular activities.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

- We enhance pupil's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society by celebrating the diversity we have in school, in the local community, in Coventry and in Great Britain.
- We celebrate the richness of our culturally diverse school population through RE lessons, collective worship, through music and dance and such events as cultural diversity day.
- Children of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning.
- RE and worship stimulate discussions around prejudices and prejudice based bullying.
- Children visit our local church and study in RE places of worship for other religions.