

Promoting British Values

Our motto at Knutton St Mary's is '*together we succeed and shine*'. This is underpinned by our school learning goals of enquiry, resilience, morality, communication, thoughtfulness, cooperation, respect and adaptability. In addition, we 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 all within the daily routines of school life. Here are some of the ways in which we promote these Values:

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council and regular questionnaires. The elections of the School Council members and House Captains are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

Throughout the year it is planned for the Headteacher and subject leaders to conduct Pupil Voice interviews to gain children's insight and views of their subject.

The Rule of Law

The importance of rules/ laws at all levels is taught explicitly in PSHCE lessons but is constantly reinforced through the daily running of the school and within assemblies. These include the expectations that govern within the class, within the school, within the community or within the country. Each class creates and agrees its own set of class rules. Assemblies are used to promote our school values which in turn promote good behaviour. All children understand that rules and expectations are put into place to keep themselves and others safe.

Pupils are taught that they have responsibility to uphold laws and they realise through our Behaviour Policy that breaking rules has consequences.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. Through PSHE and regular assemblies pupils are taught how to make safe choices, and encouraged to exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

The whole school takes part in projects on E-safety, NSPCC, Child line and Anti bullying and pupils are empowered with an understanding of how to seek help if they need to. Pupils exercise their rights to make choices about taking part in extra-curricular opportunities.

They also take on roles and responsibilities, such as Playground leaders, corridor monitors Sports leaders etc.

Mutual Respect

Respect is one of the schools values. Pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All people in and around school treat each other with respect, with adults acting as role-models for the pupils.

The school is developing ways in which the New Curriculum can be tailored to Knutton St Mary's pupils- raising an awareness of our community through finding out about the history, industry and culture of the locality of Stoke on Trent.

Through many community events Knutton St Mary's pupils learn and understand about community cohesion, collaboration and respect for others.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We teach three world religions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Assemblies and curriculum plans also use a wide variety of resources, including stories, ICT, visitors etc. to help pupils understand a variety of faiths and cultures. We celebrate in school through displays, Festivals, Art, stories/literature and music from different parts of the world. Visits to places of worship and visitors into school also enhance pupils understanding.

At Knutton St Mary's we would actively challenge pupils, staff, parents and members of our school community if they express opinions that are contrary to fundamental British Values.

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