



Even Swindon Primary School British Values

At Even Swindon Primary School we actively promote British Values, as defined under the Ofsted guidance 2014, through our school vision, ethos, agreed rules, curriculum and teaching: 'ensure that they and the school promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), cultures and lifestyles; and support and help, through their words, actions and influence within the school and more widely in the community, to prepare children and young people positively for life in modern Britain'.

The government define these values as

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths

At Even Swindon we value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate these. We have found this approach to be enriching for all parties as it teaches tolerance and respect for the differences in our community and the wider world. Underpinning all of this are a range of curriculum topics which have strong links to the British Empire. We actively challenge children, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

To promote these values:

- We have an elected school council where pupil's voices are heard and pupils also have the opportunity to complete questionnaires. We have elected head boys and girls which represent and act as role models for the school.
- Our collective worship calendar actively promotes these values through the use of PSHE, RE and SEAL objectives. These values are a focus for each term and incorporated further into PSHE and RE lessons.
- Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service, etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message. In the broad and balanced curriculum that we deliver there is opportunity to discuss these.
- Pupils are actively encouraged and supported to make informed choices, to know and exercise their rights and personal freedom, but safely for example through our e-safety policy.
- Our positive behaviour policy encourages tolerance and mutual respect
- We visit different places of worship and have visitors to school from other faiths. We

have established close links with the local community and the local vicar regularly leads collective worship

- As a whole school, we have celebrated the Olympics and Commonwealth games, with Olympic themed sports days, and competitions.
- We also celebrated the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with special assemblies, themed lessons and a whole school street party.
- The Golden Jubilee was a huge event for the school with a 'street party' event held in the playground with traditional children's British street party food.
- As a school we recognize and celebrate in traditional saints days and visit the church for the religious festivals and armistice day.