

British Values at Burnley Brow Community School

As part of our SMSC provision at Burnley Brow Community School, we learn about and develop with our children the following 'British Values': Democracy; The rule of law; Individual liberty; Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

At Burnley Brow, these fundamental British values are promoted and embedded into all parts of school life.

Democracy:



Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our elected School Council, our Head and Deputy Boys and Girls, our 'Have Your Say' School Council Board and regular 'Pupil Voice' opportunities. Our children have many opportunities to think about and share their views through the cooperative learning structures that we use in class and in assembly. Our School Council has visited the council chambers at the Civic Centre to find out more about the way the council works on behalf of the residents of Oldham.

The Rule of Law:



We help the children to understand the importance of the law and link this to our rules and routines in school. Our Respect Charter forms the basis of our expectations for behaviour, and this helps our children to understand that rules and laws are important, whether they concern the way we behave in our school, or in our wider community and country. Our children are taught the value and reasons behind laws: that they are there to govern and protect us and keep us safe; the responsibilities that they involve; and the consequences when laws are broken. Regular visits from authorities such as the Police and the Fire Service help us to reinforce this message at school. At the beginning of each school year, the children take part in creating their classroom rules, as well as redesigning their class Respect Charter display and recapping the rewards and sanctions we use in school.

Individual Liberty:



Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to share their opinions and to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate our children to make their choices safely and wisely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and we advise on how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and SMSC learning. In lessons, we may offer activities where children are guided to choose their level of challenge, or they may have a choice of how they record their learning. We encourage their individual creativity across the curriculum as well as providing them with a choice of numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities.

Mutual Respect

Our school ethos is centred upon the core value of respect, as outlined in our Respect Charter. The statements within the charter are written in a way that is meaningful and age-appropriate for the children in each Unit. The Respect Charter is regularly revisited with the children to help them to understand what it means and how it is shown. Our Respect displays around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our Behaviour, Safety and Wellbeing policy. Our use of the Respect Charter helps children to understand the need for respectful behaviour towards all members of our school. Our children work together in teams using cooperative learning structures, to help them to listen to and value each other's opinions and contributions.



Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

We are a Community school and as part of our ethos, we show a respect for those from all cultures, faiths and beliefs. We help our children to understand their place in a culturally-diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. The school celebrates multiculturalism at every opportunity and we hold special weeks such as our recent 'Art from Other Cultures' Themed Week. We teach our children about the beliefs and practices of the major religious groups, and the shared values that religion can promote in line with core British values. We encourage the children to ask questions and share their views about the world around us. We value the faiths and cultures represented in our school community and beyond, and any issues of prejudice or intolerance are dealt with immediately- individually and through whole class discussions. We encourage our children to have an open mind and to know that they can learn and understand about other cultures and faiths even if these beliefs are different to their own. Our SMSC learning in school enables our pupils to recognise the valuable role that they play as emerging citizens in a modern and diverse British society.



If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to tell you more about how your child's SMSC development is nurtured in their class. Thank you for your support.