

Promoting Fundamental British Values

Our Vision

'Embracing Learning - a school for all'

Our School's Mission

'To be a learning community with a culture of ambition and achievement'

In accordance with the guidance from the Department for Education, Oxspring Primary School is actively committed to promoting 'British Values'.

Further DFE advice on promoting basic important British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-fundamental-british-values-through-smsc>

Our Values



We value the diversity and differences of all our pupils and celebrate this through our culture, ethos, school vision and values, SMSC developments and the respectful relationships which we promote. We are committed to actively promoting British values at Oxspring to ensure that our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

Our pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is "right" and "wrong", all people living in England are subject to its law.

The key British values are:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Commitment and celebration of our diversity makes us collectively stronger, tolerant and respectful to all. This engenders a climate within which pupils feel safe and secure and facilitates the fulfilment of potential. Pupil voice plays an integral part in driving the school forward and school rules at different levels are seen as the foundation upon which this can be achieved.

The following outlines a selection of activities that are evidence of our commitment to British values:

- An elected Pupil Parliament and a strong pupil voice
- Visits to local Town Halls
- Visits from our local MP and councillors
- The children elect house captains
- A broad and balanced curriculum that teaches elements of democracy, civic responsibility, rules and laws, the monarchy, equality, values and virtues, environmental awareness and understanding of other faiths
- Visits to different places of worship
- Visitors from other faiths
- Positive behaviour policy which encourages tolerance and mutual respect
- Assemblies which celebrate and acknowledge the values

Our children are given opportunities and experiences which enable them to understand what it means to live in modern Britain. These include taking part in traditional British activities such as national fundraising days (eg: Children in Need and Red Nose Day), commemorating Remembrance Day, taking part in sports day races, celebrating Bonfire night etc. It includes developing children's understanding of traditional British values such as democracy through the work of the Pupil Parliament, whose members are voted for by the children, in the style of a general election. Ideas and events are planned and discussed with a chance for debate and putting forward points of view.

Children are given responsibility to run their own clubs and lead other children in games and activities so that they are fully involved in all aspects of school life. For instance, our older children are play leaders and help to promote our core values. We expect all our children to be good role models for each other, which is encouraged through high expectations of behaviour. Our curriculum teaches our children what it means to be British in today's society through PSHE and other subjects.

On a more general level, the school undertakes daily assemblies which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal PSHE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days.