

Promoting British Values at St Crispin's

The definition of British Values was set out by the government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and added to Ofsted inspection guidance in July 2014

'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'

At St Crispin's Infant School these values are regularly promoted through high quality teaching, a rounded programme of assemblies and a positive behaviour policy allowing pupils to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to fully participate in and positively contribute to life in modern Britain.

Democracy

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. Representatives are elected by their peers using a democratic process. Issues raised by the pupils are discussed by the Senior Leadership Team and consequential actions planned. Our Eco Leaders are also voted for each year by pupils. These children allow Pupil Voice to form part of our approach to environmental issues.

Rule of Law

An awareness of right and wrong is one of St Crispin's key values. The importance of rules and laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught that rules and laws govern and protect us. They are also taught the responsibility we have as individuals and the consequences when rules / laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Coastal Service etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message. Our behaviour policy is based around six Golden Rules, to which everyone is expected to adhere. There are consistent sanctions applied to those who break the rules, culminating in the use of our 'Red Book'. The success of this system is evidenced by the small number of entries in this book.

Individual Liberty

We provide a safe and supportive environment in which we encourage all to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms while respecting that everyone else also has those same rights. Pupils are supported to make good choices within safe boundaries. They are advised how to exercise their rights and personal freedoms safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given opportunities to resolve conflicts effectively. Any incidents of bullying are treated seriously.

Mutual Respect

Respect for others is another of the key values promoted at St Crispin's. We encourage open discussions, particularly in lessons which promote citizenship such

as PHSE lessons and Circle time. RE lessons provide additional opportunities to encourage mutual respect. Respect for others is promoted through our Golden Rules, our everyday assemblies and special assemblies such as Remembrance Day. Our charity days (such as Comic Relief Day) provide opportunities for children to actively learn about how other people live. Respect and empathy, rather than pity, are promoted.

Tolerance of those of different Faiths and Beliefs

St Crispin's strives to promote the understanding and appreciation of different faiths and cultures both within our school and the wider world. Members of different religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Our RE lessons sensitively teach children about other religions besides Christianity. Pupils experience the customs and celebrations of different faiths during lessons and assemblies. We actively promote courtesy and good manners towards all.