

# CAMBRIAN

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## British Values Policy

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## Introduction

The Department for Education (DfE) published guidance in 2014 detailing that all schools have a duty to 'actively 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.

The UK government first set out these values as part of their Prevent strategy in 2011 stating that "all schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes spiritual, moral and cultural development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life" and also notes that "schools can facilitate understanding of wider issues within the context of learning about the values on which our society is founded and our system of democratic government".

## What are British values?

Fundamental British values are defined as:

- **Democracy:** respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process
- **The rule of law:** respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England
- **Individual liberty:** support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- **Mutual respect for and tolerance:** equal opportunities for all and respect and tolerance of different faiths, religions and other beliefs.

## Aims

At St Nicholas C of E Primary School, we aim to actively promote British values to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. We aim to make British values relevant to the daily life of children, linking these values to our school vision and values, and aspects of our curriculum.

British values are not taught as a separate subject but are interwoven into our values and our broad and balanced curriculum helping to foster children's personal, social and cultural development. These values are reinforced at our school in the following ways:

## Democracy

At St Nicholas School, we teach democracy through our carefully considered curriculum, our school council, with pupil voice, head pupils, and through caring for our school environment and the wider community.

## The Rule of Law

At St Nicholas School, we teach 'the rule of law' through high expectations, our school ethos and culture, through PSHE, collective worship, achievement awards and celebrations. We also explore this theme through expectations during trips and when welcoming visitors into our school.

## Individual Liberty

At St Nicholas School, we teach about individual liberty through engaging learning environments and through expectations of our pupils. Our carefully planned curriculum through the year groups also supports this at an appropriate level.

## Mutual Respect & Tolerance

At St Nicholas School, we teach about and encourage mutual respect and tolerance through everyday interactions and through our behaviour policy. Other areas of the curriculum and school life also support these characteristics and these include RE/PSHE, our high expectations of pupils, collective worship and through the Trust Citizenship Award.

## Other Policies

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Objectives