



**What do British Values
mean at Cams Lane?**

A Parental Leaflet

Promoting British Values at Cams Lane

The DfE have reinforced the need *"to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to 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 government sets out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. There are 4 clear values which form British Values:

1. Democracy
2. The rule of Law
3. Individual Liberty
4. Mutual Respect and Tolerance

At Cams Lane these values are reinforced through Our Aims for the School and our Golden rules. They are actively promoted through assemblies and work in the classrooms. The PSHE planner has the British Values interspersed throughout the year for every class.

This leaflet explains what each of the British Values mean for us at Cams Lane and the types of strategies and examples we are using to promote them

Democracy:

Democracy is actively promoted through school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard in many ways, for example, through a suggestion box, through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. There are elections for School Councilors. Our school behavior policy involves many rewards, one of which being the lunchtime drink award, which the class vote for.

The Rule of Law:

The importance of Laws have been taught in many different contexts and we have had the local PCSO visiting school, regarding socially acceptable behavior in the local community. We remind the children about the laws or rules that govern the class and the school, using positive reward strategies.

The younger children have class discussions about playground rules and the consequences if they are broken. 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 the Fire Service and KS2

visits to Crucial Crew all help reinforce this message. We have a "Safety Week" in school to highlight rules and laws to keep children safe.

Individual Liberty:

We encourage all children to make the right choices and select from a range of things. For example, the older children have been producing drama exerts on the freedom of speech. They have also presented arguments for and against and in role play. Another example is that they have brainstormed ideas about what stops us being free. Children are taught how to make choices which keep them safe, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Our pupils are given a choice of numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices in a safe environment and express themselves in the right way.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance:

One of our Golden Rules is based upon respect and equality. Pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. Our Golden Rule posters, displayed through the school, constantly remind pupils of the expectation to treat everyone with respect, for example, using good manners at dinnertime and walking down corridors. Our PSHE and RE curriculum promotes the tolerance of other religions and beliefs. We ensure children understand that they live in a culturally diverse community. Our younger children are regularly involved in discussions about respect and treating each other equally.

We hope that this has given you an insight into what British Values mean at Cams Lane and how we are actively promoting them.