



Promoting British Values at Hagley Primary School

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."*

Through our curriculum development at Hagley Primary School we have identified opportunities where children are able to demonstrate thoughtful responses and we encourage positive attributes towards diversity.

Democracy

Hagley Primary School has an active school council from year one through to year six which meet regularly to discuss the issues the children raise within their individual classes. Each year an election happens within each class where the children write their own mandate and present their speech to the class. Then there is a class vote and one child from each class is selected to represent the views of their class on school council.

Within the curriculum itself, pupils are encouraged to become involved in the decision making process and these are listened to by the school. Within the new curriculum, opportunities have been put in place for debating to occur for transition between year six and Secondary schools. Plans are also in place for children in year four to visit parliament and look at our local government.

The Rule of Law

Upholding laws within school and society is a value that is consistently reinforced at Hagley Primary School. Children discuss school rules from when they enter the school all the way through to year six. They are taught the value of laws and rules, how they are used to protect us and how to respect them. Consequences for breaking rules are also explored. The children, through their History and RE work, also explore civil and criminal law and how this differs with religious law. Our curriculum allows the children to explore decision making within past civilisations and different cultures today.

The children have visits from different services, such as the police, which reinforce these messages and develop the children's respect for public services.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. The children are taught from an early age that their behaviour impacts upon other people. They are taught to listen and show respect within our school community. We explore differences in faith and beliefs in a positive manner and within a range of subject areas.

The children at Hagley Primary School are provided with opportunities to visit places of significant cultural interest, places of worship and we also have a range of visitors from different walks of life.

The school supports different charities over the course of the school year and are involved in both planning fundraising and raising awareness of the different activities that support the charities.

Individual Liberty

Here at Hagley Primary, our children are educated and provided with boundaries to make informed choices through a safe environment. They are shown how to exercise their personal rights and freedoms through curriculum weeks and PSHEC work. Curriculum weeks such as anti-bullying week, help to reinforce these messages.

SMSC

Spiritual, Social, Moral and Cultural values are linked very closely with our promotion of British values. As such, the core values and principles we are actively promoting here at Hagley Primary School are: respect, tolerance, kindness, caring, courtesy, responsibility, thoughtfulness, democracy, rule of law and individual liberty.
