

THE IMPORTANCE OF BRITISH VALUES AT GLENMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

What are the key British Values?

Democracy

This means that people are able to vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair. Imagine being told you have to do something instead of being allowed to have your say first.

The Rule of Law

This is to do with the laws we have in Britain. We have police to make sure people do not do the wrong thing or break the law. They keep us safe.

In school, we have our own rules to follow. We look at and learn about the rules outside of school, developing that understanding of the wrong and the right. We understand that our actions have consequences

Individual Liberty

In Britain, as long as we do not break the law, we can live as we choose to and have our own opinions about things. Some places don't allow this.

Mutual Respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings. We can give respect to others and can expect others to show us respect. This is about accepting that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they have beliefs in different religions.

In school, this is taught through the assemblies, through citizenship, through specific lessons, including Religious education. We have visitors from different cultures, celebrating the diversity which we have in Britain.

At Glenmere, pupils should be taught and encouraged:

- to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England
- to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely
- to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England
- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures
- to show respect for other people, and
- to show respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.