

# What are British Values?

At Oswald Road we uphold and teach pupils about British Values. According to Ofsted, 'fundamental British values' comprise of:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.



OSWALD ROAD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Democracy

Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. We encourage pupils to take ownership of not only their school but also of their own learning and progress. This encourages independence as well as personal and social responsibility and is demonstrated on a daily basis by our pupils. We also actively promote and contribute towards raising money for charities and those in need.

## What we do to promote Democracy

Year 6 Prefects

Anti-bullying policy has been written with the children

Rights Ambassadors - We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School

We have an Eco Team made up of one child per class to promote a more eco-friendly school

We have collected donations for various charities including 'Cash for kids', Barakah Food Aid and Chorlton & Didsbury Food Bank. We also hold regular charity days, including 'Wear a Onesie' to school day to raise money for Children in Need and 'Wear Blue' day for UNICEF, cake sales

The children agree their classroom rules at the start of the year

Pupil voice and questionnaires

Raffle tickets as part of behaviour system

British Values Day

Remembrance Day to reflect on the sacrifices made by others

Star of the Week and child of the term assemblies

Jigsaw curriculum for PSHE

Regular class discussions, debates, voting and learning about freedom of speech.

# The Rule of Law

At Oswald Road, the importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the school day. 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. These values are reinforced in different ways:

## What we do to promote the rule of law

At the start of the school year, each class discusses and sets its own class rules to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment

Regular class and whole school assemblies take place

Year 6 Prefects

Through PSHE lessons and circle time, children learn about the importance of rules and expectations. They compare UK law to the law in other countries and learn about how British Law has evolved over history.

To encourage and promote good behaviour, attitude and work children are rewarded for behaviour through stickers, star of the week assemblies and certificates, raffle tickets, outstanding behaviour choices display, Child of the Term, dojo champions

Attendance badges given out to children

During British Values Day, we aim to invite visitors in such as Greater Manchester Police who deliver an assembly to talk to children about the law

New behaviour system written by children

Nursery visit from fire service

During the teaching of RE children learn about rules for different faiths

# MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH OR WITHOUT FAITHS

At Oswald Road, we teach children to promote and celebrate all backgrounds and beliefs. The school is situated in an area of great cultural diversity, therefore we place great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children.

## **What we do to promote** MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH OR WITHOUT FAITHS

Teaching regular RE, PSHE lessons and celebrating religious events such as Eid, Diwali and St George's Day

Harvest assembly and Easter Assemblies

In art and music by considering cultures from other parts of the world

Celebrating cultures through Culturally Speaking Day

Remembrance Day

LGBT Rainbow Flag Award

Parents and visitors delivering Eid and Diwali talks

Parent and visitors from the community talking to our children about a range of religions

Anti bullying week

E-Safety learning

Through subjects such as English and Art children learn to develop an awareness and appreciation of other cultures from around the world and by reading texts from other countries

Visits to religious buildings

# Individual Liberty

Oswald Road also promotes freedom of choice and the right to respectfully express views and beliefs. Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Oswald Road educates and provides boundaries for the children to make choices safely. We encourage pupils to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

## **What we do to promote individual liberty**

Pupils are introduced to a range of beliefs and experiences so that they are able to make more informed choices for themselves

Pupils encouraged to voice views in lessons

Pupils are given a choice about which ideas they want to vote for - this takes place within the Rights Respecting Ambassadors and eco council

Pupils are exposed to and given a choice of extracurricular activities and afterschool clubs

Children are given choices about what learning, challenge or activity they will complete including peer marking

Pupils have the choice to wear a standard set of clothing to school or their own clothes

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety and PSHE lessons

Bubble Boxes and Time to Talk give children the option to share their thoughts and feelings with staff