

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
- tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

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**

Pupils are always listened to by adults and taught to listen carefully with concern to each other, respecting every individual's opinions.

Pupils can influence how school is being run and taking part in decision making by talking to staff, being involved in charities including voting which ones they want to raise money for, sharing opinions about who is responsible for what.

Pupil voice and questionnaires

Regular class discussions, debates, voting and learning about freedom of speech for example petitions about road safety, pollution.

PTA welcome meetings.

You said – we did parent forums

We are a Rights Respecting school and have been awarded Gold – we have made sure children feel a part of the important decision making within school.

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 **RULE OF LAW**

At the start of each year, classes discuss rules and expectations together.

These rules are used to mirror society's laws and pupils are taught to respect them.

Through PSHE lessons and circle time, pupils are taught about consequences and the importance of expectations, discussing how these keep them safe.

Rights Respecting ambassadors are selected to model and encourage good behaviour.

Some year groups learn about rules in different countries compared to Britain.

Rules of different faiths.

Police and Fire Fighter visits in the past

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 encouraged to believe that they are entitled to freedom of speech and choice, expressing views and beliefs in a respectful manner which does not promote extremism or cause offence.

Pupils are taught to recognise that they are equally responsible for their learning as their teacher.

Every child has the responsibility to promote and protect the wellbeing of others.

Pupils understand that they have the freedom to make choices but are accountable for all actions.

Pupils are encouraged to voice their views in lessons.

Pupils are given a choice about which ideas they want to vote for e.g. RR ambassadors and eco council.

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

Bubble boxes and Time to Talk give children the option to share their thoughts and feelings.

Children given a choice about what learning, challenges or activity they will complete including peer marking.

MUTUAL RESPECT

TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS AND THOSE WITHOUT FAITH

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

-TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS AND THOSE WITHOUT FAITH

Teaching regular RE, PSHE lessons and celebrating religious events such as Eid, Diwali and St Georges Day.

In art and music other cultures are considered from around the world.

Celebrating cultures – Eid and Diwali parties

LGBT Rainbow Flag Award.

School culture pupil voice

Anti-bullying week

E-Safety learning including

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

Parents and visitors invited in as part of cultural day.