

Moss Valley Primary Academy



British Values Policy

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Statement of intent

This policy sets out the framework in which Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School will ensure that we actively 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.

These values are officially taught through the **Religious Education (RE)** and **Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE)** curriculum, and are further nurtured through the school's ethos and promotion of **spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC)** understanding.

At Moss Valley Primary Academy your values and British Values are harmoniously embedded across all aspects of school life and within the curriculum, teaching and learning.

Legal framework

This policy will have consideration for the following guidance:

- Ofsted, School Inspection Handbook, 2015.
- DfE, Improving the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, 2013.

This policy is carried out in conjunction with our following other policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- RE Policy

Roles and responsibilities

- We understand the importance of promoting British values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum.
- The Headteacher will ensure that all teachers and staff are aware of the requirement to uphold and actively promote British values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.
- Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, fundamental British values.
- Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Democracy

- At Moorfield, pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard through pupil questionnaires and the School Council.
- Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn, to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

The Rule of Law

- Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and for the consequences when laws are broken.
- Pupils in all classes are involved in the creation of school rules, to inspire them with this understanding.
- At Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School, pupils are taught these values. They are also taught the reasons behind the laws that are essential for their well-being and safety, whether these laws govern the class, the school or the country. Pupils are allowed healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law.

- Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School staff organise visits from authorities throughout the academic year in an effort to reinforce the reality and importance of this message.

Individual Liberty

- At Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School, we foster a safe and supportive environment, one in which pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.
- Pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on e-safety and in our PSHE lessons.
- Pupils with Special Educational Needs will be given support to ensure that they are able to make informed choices within a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

Mutual Respect

- Respect forms a core pillar of the ethos at both schools in the partnership. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect.
- This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

- Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School acknowledge that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society, and through the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.
- Throughout the year, assemblies are held focusing on bullying, with reference to prejudice based bullying, and discussion is encouraged. We hold an Anti-Bullying Week each November.
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is supported by the RE and PSHE curriculums.
- We encourage our pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning

Staff Training

- At Moss Valley Primary Academy Primary School, staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British Values.
- Staff will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.

Review

This policy will be kept under regular review by the Headteacher and amended as necessary to reflect any changes in regulations.