

Modern British Values at Tuel Lane Infant School

Overview

We have a duty to promote and teach the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. Separately, the Counter Terrorism and Security Act also places a duty on us “to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into radicalism or terrorism” (the Prevent duty).

Democracy: making decisions together

We encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate, we demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views in a group session with a show of hands.

We support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children are given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.

Rule of law: understanding rules matter

Through our teaching about managing feelings and behaviour we ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences, and learn to distinguish right from wrong. We negotiate rules and the codes of behaviour with the children, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

Individual liberty: freedom for all

Children should develop a positive sense of themselves. We provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem learning or by talking about their experiences and learning in classrooms.

We encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions, for example in a small group discussion about how they feel about moving into new classes or on to junior school.

Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

We work to create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community. Our curriculum planning and practice is geared to supporting children to acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.

We encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other's opinions. We promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

Our staff will:

Consistently and actively promote tolerance of other faiths, cultures and races

Challenge gender stereotypes

Work to engage with children and families and with the wider community

Challenge behaviours (whether of staff, children or parents) that are not in line with the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths, beliefs and lifestyle choices.