

British Values in English



How are British Values promoted through English at WKPS?

Democracy	 Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a School Council, Eco Council and Fairtrade representatives that promote conversations in their classes and meet regularly to discuss issues, ideas and suggestions. Pupil voice interviews and questionnaires take place across the school year to gather opinions of the children in relation to English at WKPS and outcomes are acted upon where possible. We teach and encourage our pupils to express their views through debates and discussions.
Rule of Law	 The importance of Laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are discussed and understood by pupils. Expectations of behaviour are promoted in lessons and through school assemblies Our school rules and expectations are clear and fair. Our school values also mirror the rules and expectations of our school. We use books and media resources that help pupils to distinguish right from wrong.
Individual Liberty	 Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are given the freedom to make these choices. We support pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviour, as well as knowing their rights. In lessons children are taught to work in pairs or groups and have their say fairly. Pupils can decide upon the kind of work they produce in relation to a given stimulus and learn to develop critical personal thinking skills
Mutual Respect	 Children learn that their behaviour can have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. We teach children to listen and speak respectively of others views and opinions. We encourage children to evaluate the work of their peers by giving positive and constructive feedback. We raise awareness of significant personalities in the literary field, such as authors, poets and reporters, locally, nationally or internationally known.
Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs	 Although West Kirby is situated in an area which is not historically culturally diverse, in recent years we have welcomed many new families from a wide range of religious and ethnic backgrounds. We place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children. Assemblies are regularly planned to address diversity either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures.