

British Values

The Department for Education state that there is a need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to 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.”

At Elveden Academy, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways.

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school. 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. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our collective worship team, play team and family group sessions along with regular questionnaires. The elections of the collective worship team members are based solely on children’s votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action. Democracy is also an element of, our PSHE curriculum ‘Jigsaw’ and during KS2 children have opportunities to explore democracy through the curriculum opportunities such as ‘The Noisy Classroom’.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced. Our Christian values are deeply embedded and form the basis of school rules. Each class discusses the rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. Our 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. In KS2 children also have the opportunity to visit the Ipswich Court to gain a deeper understanding of the legal system and its history.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our online safety and P.S.H.E. lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge; of how they record; of participation in our numerous extra- curricular activities; our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

The children understand that respect is essential in order that we exist in harmony with each other. It is expected that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of Respect at Elveden Academy underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our Christian value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Elveden Academy enhances pupils' understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies including visits to a range of places of worship (Elveden Explorers) and inviting children to talk about their own faith. Through this, our children gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.