



Statement of British Values

Sedgeberrow Church of England First School

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Promoting British values

Sedgeberrow C of E First School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom.

We follow equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Sedgeberrow C of E First School is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces Fundamental British Values to all its students.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that 'Fundamental British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. The five British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The School uses strategies within the National curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that we follow show some of the many ways Sedgeberrow C of E First School seeks to embed Fundamental British Values.



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Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at Sedgeberrow C of E First School, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for school responsibilities, House Captains, Vice Captains and Pupil Parliament members. The principle of democracy is also explored in the curriculum as well as in form time and assemblies. We have visitors from District Counsellors, County Councillors and their Member of Parliament to talk to our children.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Sedgeberrow C of E First School. Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school that are highlighted by the student code of conduct and student expectations. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At Sedgeberrow C of E First School, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at Sedgeberrow C of E First School educate and provide boundaries for students to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety and Form Time work. Sedgeberrow C of E First School has a robust anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Behaviour Policy.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of Sedgeberrow C of E First School and is part of its Mission Statement & Values. Students learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments. Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment with the School's ethos being 'allow one voice – so that the thoughts and answers of all are respected'. They are encouraged to always enter any situation with love in their hearts.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved through equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. The children benefit from a number of international visitors, including students from other continents and cultures. Additionally, students are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivities throughout the calendar year. The Religious Education curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

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Sedgeberrow C of E First School encourages the education of global issues and has also been accredited with the International Schools Award – Intermediate and works in partnerships with schools overseas to teach students about life in other countries and develop them as global citizens.

Sedgeberrow C of E First School strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our Society.



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