

Promoting British Values

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated this year.

We want all our pupils to become valuable, respectful and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.

We ensure that British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

At Westglade these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. There is also a suggestion box for pupils to share their views and recommendations. These suggestions are discussed and prioritised by the school council and wherever possible are actioned. Whole school issues and initiatives are discussed in assemblies and then addressed in class. Whole school rules, rights and responsibilities are signed by all children in the school. Class council members for each year group are voted in by their class at the start of each new school year. Head boy, Head girl, Deputy Head boy and Deputy Head girl are chosen by the staff on the basis of the positive influence they have on the school. Members of the pupil council attend various Nottingham Primary Parliament meetings during the year. Pupil voice is a key component children take part in regular questionnaires which cover a range of school issues including the review of the marking policy and the success of the sports coaches.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced in class, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. We ensure that school rules and expectations are clear and fair. Pupils are included in the review of the Behaviour Policy. 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. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

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 young pupils to

make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. We encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour, as well as knowing their rights. We support pupils to develop self-esteem and self-confidence.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

At Westglade we aim to create an environment where we promote respect for individual differences and help pupils to have an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures and ways of life. Children have to opportunity to visit places of worship and learn about different religions through our RE weeks. They are encouraged to ask questions and discuss differences between people, such as differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality and family situations.