



# British Values Policy 2020-2023

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## **Overview**

In 2011, The Government set out its definition of British Values in the Prevent Strategy, and these values were further reiterated in 2014.

At Burbage Junior School we fully support these values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and these are embedded within our own school values, identified by the children as respect, integrity, inclusivity, kindness, excellence and enjoyment.

We plan assemblies and lessons, particularly in RHSE and RE, to teach the children about our values, respecting similarities and differences, tackling stereotypes and understanding why some people discriminate. We aim to empower children to have a voice and to stand up against discrimination, valuing equality, tolerance and mutual respect.

The themes and lessons in the school's curriculum are designed carefully and planned by teachers to provide a rich learning experience that will have a positive impact on pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Visits are planned to link with the class themes to provide children with further understanding of the world they live in. We also link with other schools to take part in sporting events. Competitions provide the opportunity for children to meet other children from different schools whilst experiencing the process of decision making and understanding rules and fairness.

As well as promoting British values we would actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views and principles.

## **Democracy**

Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter.

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have school councils which meet regularly to discuss issues raised in class. Council members for each year group are voted in by their class. They work closely with the school's governing body as part of working groups focused on anti-bullying and behaviour.

Children are regularly invited to complete questionnaires to put forward their views about their school.

## **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies.

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 our school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.

Through outdoor learning and school visits and residential, we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices, through a safe environment and empowering education.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E- Safety and RHSE lessons.

### **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own lives and those of others. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect.

### **Tolerance – of those of different faiths and beliefs**

Burbage Junior School places a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children.

Assemblies are regularly planned to address this either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE teaching reinforces this. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths and take part in an annual whole-school project designed to develop children's understanding and empathy towards people of different faiths, countries and cultures.

### **Equality Statement**

The school's Equality Statement makes explicit our desire to show respect to all members of our school community irrespective of their race, religion, colour, sex or social class. We are opposed to racism in all its manifestations.

We aim to promote awareness of what all human beings have in common and to discourage negative attitudes towards others.

This awareness is promoted both through the curriculum and through the attitudes which we try to foster in the day-to-day life of the school community.

We are an 'Everyone's Welcome' school!

## Prevent Statement

### Preventing Radicalisation in school

Burbage Junior School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is as important as safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values. We believe that children should be given the opportunity to explore diversity and understand Britain as a multi-cultural society; everyone should be treated with respect whatever their race, gender, sexuality, religious belief, special need, or disability.

On 1 July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This duty places the responsibility on local authorities and schools to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the government's *Prevent Strategy*.

At Burbage Junior School we take this duty seriously and carry out the four main actions responsibly, these are:

- **Risk assessment:** assess the potential risk within the school of radicalisation (this action forms part of our child protection policy)
- **Working in partnership** with the local community and local education authority. Being aware of the latest requirements and having a clear line of communication with relevant parties through the local police Prevent Engagement Team.
- **Providing appropriate staff training.** All staff receive annual safeguarding training, including staff's duty regarding Prevent, and all new staff, including volunteers, receive a thorough induction process.
- **Policies:** all our statutory policies are reviewed and available to read from the school website or on request.

### What we do if there is a concern

If we have a concern about a particular pupil/family, we will follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with children's social care and police.

Burbage Junior's Designated Safeguarding Lead: Karen Allen  
Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Rachel Peckover, Jane Matthews, Fiona Paterson  
Help and Advice Community Safety Team Manager: 0116 305 6056  
CHANNEL referral (extremism/radicalisation): 101  
Prevent Engagement Team [prevent.team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent.team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

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