

Promoting British values at Ocklynge Junior School

"Schools should 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"

(The Prevent strategy 2011)

Democracy

Ocklynge School has a school council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. The school council is genuinely able to effect changes within the school. Every pupil representative on the council is voted in by their class.

Members of the School council visit the Town Hall and the Houses of Parliament to see democracy in action.

Pupils in Year 6 study local and national democracy as part of their PSHEe curriculum.

The rule of law

The importance of rules and laws are consistently reinforced at Ocklynge.

At Ocklynge, we follow our Golden rules and the pupils are taught the values and reasons behind these rules. They understand that they are there to protect us and keep order and are made aware of the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when rules are broken.

Individual liberty

At Ocklynge, we encourage the pupils to make informed choices through a safe environment. They are encouraged to know and understand their rights, responsibilities and personal freedoms through our eSafety and PSHEe curriculum.

Mutual Respect

At Ocklynge, pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community are encouraged to treat each other with respect. One of our ground rules in our PSHEe lessons is: *Respect everyone's views*. Through this, pupils are made aware that we may not always agree with others, but we show respect for their thoughts and feelings.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

One of our school aims is:

To instil respect and understanding for religious and moral values and tolerance of races, religions and ways of life.

We actively promote diversity through our links with schools in other countries. RE lessons and PSHEe lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Assemblies reinforce our values and Golden rules. Members of different faiths are encouraged to share their knowledge with the pupils to enhance their learning.

All staff at Ocklynge school are expected to be positive role models in promoting these values.

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