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Vision and Ethos

At Penwortham Broad Oak Primary School, we believe that every child has the right to an excellent education that inspires curiosity, builds confidence, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning. Rooted in our ethos of 'Believe and Achieve', we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where all children are empowered to reach their full potential.

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Promoting British Values at Broad Oak Primary School

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.”*

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and these values were reiterated by the Prime Minister in 2014. At Broad Oak Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways.

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at the school through PSHE and assemblies. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern for 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 School Council and Eco committee, team captains and playground buddies. They are often asked to vote for activities or individuals to represent them. Debates within lessons allow the children to learn the skills of listening and compromise.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the school or the country, are consistently reinforced. Our school has rules which are deeply embedded in our work every day. Each class discusses and displays the school rules which are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every pupil 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. Details about school rewards, sanctions, choice and consequences are detailed in our behaviour policy.

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, an empowering education and a curriculum based upon clear values. 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 e-safety, RE and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge; of how they record or of participation in our numerous extra-curricular activities, our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Respect is one of our core values and key to our school rules and it is deeply embedded in all that we do at the school. The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of respect at Broad Oak Primary underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of Those With Different Faiths And Beliefs

Our core value of respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Broad Oak Primary School enhances pupils' understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies following the KAPOW Scheme, studying the 6 main religions progressively through school. PSHE work, visits to places of worship, welcoming visitors of other faiths and respecting the different faiths and beliefs of our own members of staff also support pupils' understanding. Through this our pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.