

Hemingford Grey Primary School

Promoting British Values



Hemingford Grey Primary School is committed to providing children with an enriched curriculum where universal values are shared and celebrated. In 2015, it was stated that 'Schools should promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.' (*Ofsted School inspection handbook 2015*). The British values are promoted through our own school values, curriculum and enrichment activities and are embodied by all members of staff.

Democracy

How we promote it

- Lunchtime choices: Children are able to choose their preferred lunch option;
- Pupil Voice Surveys: Every year, children have a formal opportunity to voice their opinions about key areas, which inform future changes. They are regularly consulted on a more informal basis about day to day aspects of school life;
- House Captains and Representatives: These are elected by the children in each House team, following a democratic election process;
- Inter-house events and competitions which are organised by elected representatives who seek guidance from their house teams;
- Parent/Carer Questionnaires: Biennially, parents are asked to respond to a series of questions to voice their opinions about the education their children are provided with;
- Parent/Carer Drop ins: These provide parents and carers with half termly opportunities to raise ideas and concerns with the Headteacher and a member of the GB;
- Staff 1:1 meetings with the Headteacher: Staff are asked to evaluate the school's performance and offer suggestions about how the school can improve;
- Independent learning zones have been set up throughout the school providing children with opportunities to decide how they want to learn. They can choose how to respond to a task, the order in which they complete the tasks and where they work to complete the tasks;
- The children are encouraged to volunteer for roles such as Eco-Committee, House Captains, Lunchtime Helpers, Office Assistants, Digital Leaders Through our rich and varied curriculum and twice weekly Pause for Thought sessions, children have the opportunity to discuss international issues, including elections.

The rule of law

How we promote it

- Children are taught about following societal rules using the school's Golden Rules: we are polite, we are kind and helpful, we listen, we always think about how people feel, we are honest, we respect everybody and the environment around us, we always try our best and kindness;
- Visitors from the locality hold assemblies to promote key behaviours which reflect the law e.g. PCSO led assemblies on road safety;
- Teams of children and staff work together to support road safety to ensure children and Parents/Carers travel safely and legally to school;
- The school's behaviour system is linked with the golden rules which means that when rules are broken consequences occur, teaching the children about actions and consequences;
- Celebrations are built into the behaviour policy so that children exhibiting good and caring behaviour, as well as effort, in line with our school values are recognised through awards such as 'Learner of the Week' and 'Outstanding Learner' as well as additional rewards;
- Bikeability takes place annually, teaching children about the rules of the road as well as how to stay safe
- Laws of internet safety are taught through the PSHCE curriculum as well as being integrated into everyday learning opportunities. Digital Leaders support their classes to stay safe on line through drop in sessions at lunchtimes;
- All staff are asked to sign to agree to the Professional Code of Conduct, and we expect this to be mirrored at all times, therefore modelling appropriate behaviour to the children.

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs How we promote it

- We have high expectations about pupil and staff conduct and this is reflected in our Behaviour, Equality and Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policies and the Code of Conduct policy;
- Visits to places of worship within and outside of our locality. E.g. Church visits in the village, Gurdwara in Peterborough;
- Church assemblies with the options to conform or not conform within worship assemblies e.g. saying amen;
- RE curriculum: teaching a range of religions and exploring what a range of people believe and why;
- Creative curriculum: learning about different cultures around the world and how faith and beliefs are important to people;
- Biennial Unity in the Community week, where children learn about diversity by taking part in a range of visits and in school experiences, e.g. trip to Gurdwara, Bhangra dancing, cultural food tasting, talks from members of the community with different religious beliefs;
- Pause for thought: where teachers provide children with discussion points as well as pictorial prompts.
- Teaching children the mechanisms by which we hold debate and discussion and through this, to understand that people have different ideas and beliefs which we may or may not agree with, but which we respect and try to understand.
- Supporting children to develop the skills of listening, compromise, turn taking and empathy during a range of curriculum activities and by doing so, give them a solid base from which to approach debate and discussion on a range of topics.