British Values at Monkleigh Primary School

At Monkleigh Primary School, we are committed to preparing children for life in modern Britain by actively promoting the fundamental British Values throughout our school community and curriculum.

We believe that every child should leave our school as a confident, respectful and responsible individual who understands their role in society and values the contributions of others.

The Fundamental British Values

The five fundamental British Values are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Through our curriculum, assemblies, enrichment opportunities and daily interactions, children develop:

- An understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through democratic processes.
- An appreciation that freedom of belief and religion is protected by law.
- Respect for people who have different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds.
- An understanding of the importance of equality and the need to challenge discrimination.
- The confidence to express their own views respectfully while listening to the opinions of others.

Our School Values and Aims

Our school aims are built upon three key principles:

- To provide every child with the skills and knowledge needed to become a successful learner and reach their full potential.
- To provide a safe, supportive, stimulating and inclusive environment where every child is recognised, valued and encouraged.

- To work in partnership with families and the wider community to promote positive attitudes, wellbeing and lifelong learning.

We celebrate the diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences of everyone within our school community. Alongside this, we encourage pupils to develop pride in their local community and an understanding of what it means to be a citizen in modern Britain.

Democracy

Pupil voice is central to life at Monkleigh Primary School.

Our School Council is elected through a democratic voting process that mirrors the British electoral system. Pupils nominate themselves, present their ideas and take part in a secret ballot. Representatives from each class meet regularly to discuss ideas, raise concerns and help make decisions that improve school life.

Children are encouraged to share their opinions about their learning and contribute ideas for school improvement. We actively promote an environment where all voices are heard and respected.

Parents and carers also have opportunities to contribute through questionnaires, consultations, surveys and discussions with school leaders.

The Rule of Law

Children learn the importance of rules, laws and personal responsibility both within school and in the wider community.

Our behaviour policy, school expectations and restorative approaches help pupils understand that rules are in place to keep everyone safe, happy and able to learn. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and understand the consequences of their choices.

Individual Liberty

We promote freedom of choice and encourage children to make decisions safely and responsibly.

Pupils regularly make choices about:

- Their learning and personal goals.
- Participation in clubs and enrichment activities.

- Leadership and responsibility opportunities within school.

Through our PSHE curriculum, assemblies and wider school experiences, children learn about their rights, freedoms and responsibilities and how to keep themselves safe both online and offline.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Respect is at the heart of everything we do.

Children learn to value and celebrate differences while recognising the things that unite us. Through our curriculum, assemblies and community activities, pupils develop an understanding of different cultures, faiths and ways of life.

We encourage children to:

- Treat others with kindness and respect.
- Listen carefully to different viewpoints.
- Challenge stereotypes and discrimination.
- Show empathy and understanding towards others.

Developing Responsible Citizens

Children are given many opportunities to develop leadership, responsibility and teamwork. Older pupils take on important roles such as:

- Well being ambassadors
- Reading Buddies - family groups
- School Council Representatives

Through residential visits, educational visits, clubs, fundraising events and community projects, pupils learn to contribute positively to society and develop the confidence and skills needed for future success.

At Monkleigh Primary School, British Values are not taught as a standalone subject; they are woven throughout our curriculum and everyday school life, helping our children become respectful, responsible and active members of their community.