

Sandbrook Community Primary School Statement on British Values



Here at Sandbrook, we teach children to uphold and value British values through launching these and themes from the 4 key areas in key-stage appropriate assemblies. This is then followed up throughout the week in class discussions and activities.

Democracy

The principle of Democracy finds practical application at Sandbrook Community Primary School with our School Council and School Sports Council. Within the Councils, each class has a class council member and a sports council member. The class representatives are elected by the pupils each September for one year. The Councils meet weekly and each meeting is chaired and minuted by the pupils. The children have discussed and requested a Valentine disco, improving our outdoor areas, developing a salad bar with the school cook and holding an annual talent show. Our Sports council organised Freddy Fit sessions, sports leaders, requested new PE sports to learn and developed improved resources. Our School Council has also met up with other schools' councils, the Headteacher, Governors and our Children's Centre. Most recently, this has also been obvious through participating in a ballot to vote for Rochdale's Children's Champion.

The Rule of Law

At Sandbrook we strive to understand that laws are made to keep us safe and to promote good teaching and learning. Each class and teaching area displays our Sandbrook Rules and star display. Our school has excellent links with the Police, who visit the school regularly to discuss safety and good citizenship. Assemblies and PSCHE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) also reinforce the messages of staying safe and that pupils have rights and responsibilities. They are also taught about e-safety to keep themselves safe online. This year we are holding a series of events for Internet Safety Day on February 7th.

Tolerance and Mutual Respect

There are very high expectations of behaviour at Sandbrook and this is supported by our new behaviour policy which we have all worked hard to develop. Our ethos supports inclusion and community cohesion. Through assemblies and religious lessons, pupils learn about Christianity and other major religions; these also include visits to St Thomas' CE Church and the Neeli Mosque. Muslim pupils in the school have their own prayer area. Polish-speaking pupils have the opportunity to meet with other Polish-speakers in our local cluster of schools.

Individual Liberty

Our values based assemblies discuss a range of Christian and non-faith based values e.g. Self-respect and self worth in relation to the individual value, so that children see that they are important in their own right. The philosophy of our teaching and learning places emphasis on the right to have our own thoughts and evidence based views. Our children are strongly encouraged to develop independence in learning and thinking for themselves.