



Promoting British Values at Perdiswell Primary School

The Department for Education have said they want 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.*”

At Perdiswell Primary School we celebrate these values regularly in a range of ways:

Democracy

Our pupils are encouraged to air views, debate issues and have a clear voice.

We have a thriving School Council and Eco Committee for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, ensuring the voice of the school population is heard at the highest levels.

The groups meet regularly to discuss issues raised in class meetings, suggestion box requests and to allocate responsibilities and leadership tasks to other pupils.

The School Council receives a budget and is able to introduce change. The Eco Committee are self funding via Young Enterprise projects and contribute significantly to grounds maintenance and development.

Children stand for election to the School Council and the Eco Committee every year. They prepare a speech as to why they should be chosen, replicating election campaigns in Modern Britain. The representatives are chosen through a secret ballot – always an exciting and thought provoking time in school, where pupils report to staff that they vote not for their best friend necessarily, but for the person they genuinely believe will represent them the most successfully.



Through our curriculum taught about, and

children are encouraged to

respect, public institutions and services.

We regularly survey our pupils and parents to seek their views on a range of issues, most recently in connection with their happiness and sense of security at school.

FACT: 100% of parents **agree** or **strongly agree** that their child feels safe at school!

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Perdiswell.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules and Values of the school. Pupils are taught the reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. A special message is that our laws and Values make us responsible and pleasant citizens of the future.



Pupils learn that breaking the laws of the class or the school has negative consequences. They also learn that following rules and behaving well and with respect for others is rewarded through numerous systems such as Values beads, housepoints, stickers, certificates, golden time, praise and computer Dojo points.

What the children say:

We really like the idea of putting beads in a jar when we show a Value. It shows that we know that manners are really important.

Joe and Miles

We have regular visits from our local community police officers, fire and health services in order to reinforce these messages.



Individual Liberty

At Perdiswell, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Our children understand that they have rights and freedoms as a member of Modern Britain.

As a school we provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety work and classroom discussions.

Perdiswell has a robust anti bullying culture and clear behaviour policies in place.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Mutual respect and empathy are at the heart of our Values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Our pupils understand that there are many faiths represented in Modern Britain and in our community too. We learn about the major world faiths to foster an understanding and acceptance of the beliefs of others.

Perdiswell provides opportunities for the children to visit places of significant cultural interest and places of worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school.



What the children say:

Our school Values shine brightly!

Laura and Millie