

# British Values

The Department of Education require all schools to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught to pupils. The Government set out its definition of British values in the 'Prevent Strategy.' These values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. At Newdale Primary school, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

**Democracy:** Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our active School Parliament and through regular pupil questionnaires. The elections of school council members for each class are based solely on pupil choice. Other opportunities include visits from local Members of Parliament.

**The Rule Of Law:** Throughout the school day, the importance of laws, are consistently reinforced. These may, for example, be using the SMART Code to deal with behaviour or as part of an assembly theme. Our children are taught the value and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibility that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

**Individual Liberty:** When in school, our pupils are encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We encourage our children to know, understand and exercise their rights as children and when they enter adulthood.

**Mutual Respect:** Our school ethos and Behaviour Policy revolves around core values such as 'respect' and children have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown.

**Tolerance of those of Different Faiths & Beliefs:** This is achieved through enhancing our children's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse country and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity such as through assemblies and visits to places of worship. Pupils and their families of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

SMSC and Life Learning



at Newdale...



"To go further than I thought  
To run faster than I hoped  
To reach higher than I dreamed  
To become the person I need to be."

# What is SMSC?

At Newdale Primary we work to develop not only children's academic knowledge, but rather the child as a whole. It is within our ethos to develop our pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural being.

**Spiritual Development:** We teach children about themselves, others and the world around them in order to inspire and develop a sense of awe and wonder. We explore values and beliefs in which to inform their perspective on life and respect for other people. Creativity is at the heart of our curriculum and we encourage a willingness to reflect on their own experiences.

**Moral Development:** We provide opportunities for children to investigate moral and ethical issues in order to develop their ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, with a readiness to apply this understanding in their own lives. We develop their understanding of consequences of their actions.

**Social Development:** We develop social skills through working and socialising with and alongside others from a variety of different backgrounds. We learn to cooperate well with others and resolve conflicts effectively. We teach children about the way their own community as well as wider society and other communities function.

**Cultural Development:** We explore and develop an understanding and respect for cultural diversity. We celebrate diversity within our school and share knowledge and experience within the community. We provide opportunities to explore a variety of art, music, sport, science and festivals. We also develop an appreciation of cultural influences that have shaped the children's own heritage.

# Value of the Month

At Newdale, we are passionate about ensuring that our children are secure in knowing the values that make the world a great place to live. To help us, we have a monthly value, with themes including honesty to independence. These values are addressed through weekly assemblies, in lessons and within the school environment. The values are shared with parents, where they are encouraged to promote the value at home. Every month, certificates are rewarded to children who have demonstrated the value.



- September — Responsibility
- October — Respect
- November — Friendship
- December — Peace
- January — Independence
- February — Caring
- March — Belief
- April — Freedom
- May — Perseverance
- June — Honesty
- July — Reflecting

# Life Learning (PSHE)

Here at Newdale, we equip children with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for life in modern Britain. In order to do this, children are taught the importance of British Values, different religious beliefs, relationships (RSE), making healthy life style choices and SMSC in their community and in the wider world. In addition to these, children receive regular 'Life Learning' lessons (PSHE) which covers topics such as looking after your own money, taking care of your body and being respectful members of the community to name but a few. We know that by providing all children with these skills, it will successfully enable them to be positive British Citizens. For more information, please visit our school website for detailed information on content covered in these subject areas.

