



British Values Statement

The DFE have reinforced the need:- *“to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British Values of;*

- *The rule of law*
- *Democracy*
- *Individual liberty*
- *Mutual respect*
- *Tolerance of those of different faiths & beliefs”*

At Ribbon Academy, these values are reinforced regularly and are done so in the following ways:-

Democracy

Democracy is embedded within the life of our school. Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council, class and celebration assemblies and through pupil voice meetings.

Children elect their School Council representatives for their own classes through a democratic system. The children who wish to represent their class are required to say why they think others should vote for them and how they will help the class. The children are then required to take part in a vote.

Prior to each topic, all children complete a pre-unit task to show their prior knowledge and also suggest what they would like to learn. Staff use these pre-unit tasks to ensure that the children's interests are represented and become the drivers of our challenge curriculum.

Ribbon's Behaviour policy involves the children agreeing on the Ribbon rules and principles within the school, and is reviewed in classes at the beginning of the new school year.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be the rules in school or the guidelines to practice laid down in our Behaviour policy, are consistently reinforced by everyone during the school day. Children are taught the value and reason behind laws and rules and with this comes an understanding which is reinforced in the follow through of consequences when these rules are broken.

Individual Liberty

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive setting. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for all our children to make choices, through the provision of a safe learning environment and an empowering curriculum.

Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and independence and how to use them safely e.g. e-safety work in a school and PSHE lessons. We are also a UNICEF recognised Rights Respecting School, which encourages the children to recognise their human rights and responsibilities.

Within lessons themselves, children are given choices and learning challenges such as, how to record, participate, present and share their work in class or with the whole school. It is often demonstrated to the whole school through our Celebration Assemblies.



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Children are also given freedom of choice to access numerous extra curriculum clubs and opportunities after school. We have an extensive range of clubs from Spanish to Gymnastics, Street Dance to Animation, ensuring that there is something for everyone!

Mutual Respect

Part of our school ethos for everyone, revolves around kindness towards others and respecting others views and opinions at all times in our daily lives. Our children are very clear that everyone deserves to be treated with the highest respect. We have a zero tolerance to 'bullying' of any kind and this is embedded through our Ribbon rules and principles.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing children's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity through the RE and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) curriculum, visits to different places of worship and visitors from different faith backgrounds. Assemblies are planned to discuss these issues with the children and include storytelling and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures.

Community

Ribbon Academy has always made a big effort to ensure all children understand how important our community is. We believe that our children should actively be involved in all aspects of community life and encourage this in many ways.

Our children take part in a number of annual events that link and make sense of what it is to be a citizen today in Britain and to take part in what is happening in our local community.

These include;

- Running Ribbon Community Café on a weekly basis for the local community
- Sharing our Harvest collections with the local community
- Shoebox appeal to help communities beyond Murton
- Visits to local care homes
- Taking part in a local Remembrance service in Murton (we always have our own event at school too)
- Organising fundraising events for Macmillan, Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day and Comic/Sport Relief
- Taking part in various sporting competitions/festivals
- Decision making and consultation about the school menu/playtime snacks

At Ribbon Academy we strive to actively challenge children, staff and parents expressing opinions contrary to Fundamental British Values.