

Bicker Preparatory School

British Values Policy



## BICKER PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS

### Promoting British Values

Our government believes that, 'British society is founded on fundamental values and principles, which all those living in the UK should respect and support. These values are reflected in the responsibilities, rights and privileges of being a British citizen or permanent resident of the UK. They are based on history and traditions and are protected by law, customs and expectations. There is no place in British society for extremism or intolerance.'

The values we support are not unique to Britain and are shared by many people in the world represented by the diverse families at Bicker Prep.

We support the values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs and these are embedded within our curriculum. These values are found in our own school values of respect, confidence, ambition, creativity, determination and enthusiasm. Our Bicker Preparatory School rules also support a school, which is kind and caring to one another.

We plan assemblies and lessons, particularly in PSHE/Citizenship and RE, to teach the children about our values, respecting similarities and differences, tackling stereotypes and understanding why some people discriminate. We aim to empower children to have a voice and to stand up against discrimination, valuing equality, tolerance and mutual respect.

The topics and lessons in the school's curriculum are designed carefully and planned by teachers to provide a rich learning experience that will have a positive impact on pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Whilst focusing on all children developing good skills in English and Maths and all subjects, we ensure they experience extra-curricular clubs such as music, a variety of sports, the arts and outdoor learning. Visits are planned, linking with the class topic to provide children with further understanding of the world they live in. We also link with other schools to take part in singing and, if appropriate, sporting events.

Competition provides the opportunity for children to experience the process of decision making and understanding rules and fairness. As well as promoting British values we would actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views and principles. All staff have received Prevent training from the LSCB.

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### Democracy

Children are taught about democracy as part of the Citizenship and P.S.H.E. curriculum. They learn about government and elections.

Children play an integral role in decision making at Bicker Prep and children from Upper School classes are elected as class representatives on the School Council.

### 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 Bicker Prep.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules and values of the school. They learn to respect authority and there are agreed systems to change rules if necessary.

### Safety Rules

Pupils are taught the value of and reasons that lay behind rules and laws and that they govern and protect us. They also understand the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws and rules are broken.

Visits from authorities such as the Police, the Fire Service and M.Ps reinforce this message.

### Individual Liberty

At Bicker Preparatory School, pupils are actively encouraged to make informed choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through providing a safe environment and an empowering education.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

### Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is 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 – good manners are integral to our Fundamental Beliefs.

### Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Bicker Preparatory School and Early Years is becoming an increasingly diverse school. We actively promote this through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and P.S.H.E. lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.

Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit and learn about places of worship that are important to different faiths.

### British History

Through the study of British history, pupils at our school are taught to understand the different periods in our history in a chronological order. This takes place in both KS1 and KS2, with cross curricular topic work linked to the study of specific periods in British history which underpins notions of our shared heritage, values and traditions. In addition, the school commemorates historic events, such as Armistice Day.

### [Commitment to Charity Work](#)

The pupils at Bicker Preparatory School understand that there are large numbers of people, both at home and overseas, who are much less fortunate than ourselves and that these people deserve our support.

The school, therefore, encourages its pupils to participate in and support good causes and charities and pupils, staff and parents support a range of charities each year to underline and reinforce this value in the school. We welcome many visiting speakers to educate us further. All speakers are carefully vetted by the school, are usually already known to us and are chosen for their ability to present a balanced viewpoint.