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The Department of Education has reinforced the need "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."

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister. At Caversham Park these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### Democracy

Democracy is evident within our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council, use of regular questionnaires and pupil interviews.

School council representatives are elected through a class voting system. Children who wish to become a school councillor must pitch their reasons by speaking in front of their classmates. Pupils must then decide and all children from individual classes complete their voting by using a ballot box set up in our school hall.

Elected school councillors are announced in our school council assembly. Throughout the rest of the academic year, they work together to raise money for their own chosen charities and our school, through events such as cake sales, movie nights and talent shows.

Our school behaviour policy involves a number of rewards; some classes use a 'marble in the jar' reward system which is based on pupils voting as a class, for their group reward. As well as having voting opportunities, children are chosen on weekly basis to become 'Star of the Week' to celebrate individual achievements - this is also an important message.

Our Curriculum offers many opportunities to discuss democracy, for example the Romans and the Ancient Greeks. It allows us to consider events in history where British values have been tested such as World War 1 and World War 2.

Cross curricular literacy work offers children the opportunity to give their views, debate and argue, making well considered points and looking at both sides of an argument. A competitive spirit is also encouraged through our team point system and every child competes to earn points for their house throughout the year and in particular, during sports day.



## Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days. These are also covered well when dealing with behaviour, recognised in our school behaviour policy and made examples of through our school assemblies.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Brigade and ambulance service encourage children to learn from those in our community and help to reinforce this message, throughout our school calendar.

## Individual Liberty

At Caversham Park, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate and provide boundaries for our young pupils to make choices safely and through the provision of a nurturing setting.

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

Whether this be through their chosen level of challenge, how they record their work, how they produce and show their homework or through selected participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

At Caversham Park Primary school we value our pupil -chosen learning behaviours:

- **Be confident**
- **Perseverance**
- **Be reflective**
- **Be responsible**
- **Work together**
- **Be creative**
- **Be curious**

These help to give our children a sense of liberty and choice as we develop and support them to understand how to foster a positive growth mindset for learning. As a school, we hold these learning behaviours at the centre of our ethos and know that these will help to prepare our pupils for life during and beyond Caversham Park, throughout secondary school and into their adult lives.



## Mutual Respect

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around core values such as 'respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. This is reiterated through our classroom rules, as well as being a large part of our behaviour policy.

Pupils are encouraged to show respect for themselves and others their school, community and wider world.

Whole school projects allow us to consider respect for each other in subjects such as Religious Education, History and Geography. Our curriculum allows us to consider respect for our world through topics such as Rainforests and deforestation.

Each year we take part in anti-bullying week. Every year we show respect for others by fund raising for one local, national or international charity. We have supported events such as - Children in Need, Sports Relief, Save the Children, Comic / Sport Relief, Jeans for Genes and other local charities.

Every year we celebrate Harvest and donate goods to those in our local community.

## Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

**This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity.**

Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE.

Classes make visits, each year, to a place of worship linked to their RE topics. We celebrate other religions and faiths through music - singing songs from different festivals and in different languages.

We learn about and celebrate all religious and cultural festivals throughout the year, including Diwali, Eid and Chinese New Year.

## Celebrating Traditions and Values

**At Caversham Park we like to celebrate the traditions and customs of all of our pupils. We also celebrate British traditions and customs.**

Our Key Stage 1 children learn about traditional tales as part of their literacy work. They read lots of British traditional tales and enjoy a variety of tales from around the world. Our EYFS continue the tradition of learning nursery rhymes and our Key Stage 2 Literature spine has a wealth of books on offer including stories from other cultures but also containing many British classics.

# Promoting British Values at Caversham Park Primary School



Throughout a school day we encourage orderly systems of lining up and queuing, including after break time and when waiting for their lunch. We also encourage a traditional, family style way of eating at lunchtime with packed lunches and dinners sitting together amongst younger and older children in a 'chatty' environment as they eat.

Older children are paired with the younger children in the school to take on the role of a responsible 'lunch buddy', encouraging good manners and helping them with their school dinners/packed lunches, demonstrating positive behaviour.

## Celebrating Community and British Events

### Community Events

We regularly hold community school events, as part of our school calendar, each academic year. Here are a few examples of community events which we all really look forward to and enjoy:

- Harvest Assembly
- Christmas dinner, plays and productions
- Christmas and summer fayres
- Mother's and Father's day events
- Grandparents Afternoon
- Class assemblies
- Easter competitions
- Sports Day
- Homework project open mornings
- End of year musical production

### Father's Day Breakfast 2016



### Christmas Dinner 2015





## British Events

For the World Cup each class learnt about different countries that were taking part - their culture, language, history, climate etc.

In 2012 we marked the Diamond Jubilee. Many wore crowns and patriotic hats with some featuring portraits they had drawn of the Queen, whilst enjoyed a tea party in our playground.

The event featured in our local newspaper - 'Get Reading' who stated the following:

*'Staff and parents joined in the fun at the school, in Queensway, where the children had been learning all about the Diamond Jubilee in the week leading up to the celebrations.'*

*Headteacher Gail Ray said: "I think it is massively important for children to celebrate their culture and history and the fact that this is also a jubilee for the Commonwealth countries around the world to celebrate diversity.'*

*"The atmosphere is fantastic and they are having an absolutely fabulous time."*



Also in 2012, we marked the London Olympics with curriculum learning, learning about countries taking part and participating in many sporting events. We also took a number of children to the London Paralympic games to celebrate the achievements of all those taking part in sporting Olympic events.

On 11th November, every year, we always have a two minute silence in our whole assembly to show respect for those who lost their lives fighting for our country during the World Wars.

For the 100 year anniversary we had a special assembly. We had readings and poems about poppies and what they symbolise, we learnt some facts about WW1, we thought about why it is important to remember and we learnt about Remembrance Sunday. Every class at Caversham Park had the opportunity to make or wear a poppy to show their respect.

In 2016, we celebrated the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by designing and writing birthday cards and having an afternoon tea party. We all had a very fun and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon - What a fantastic day to remember!

Happy Birthday Your Majesty!

