Learning Together,
Growing Together

Bywell CE (C) Junior School

British Values

2026

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Bywell Junior (C.E.) School

Aims:
To provide guidance and information regarding the DFE publication Promoting fundamental British Values as part of SMSC in schools (Nov 2014):

"All maintained schools must meet the requirements set out in section 78 of the education Act 2002 and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Through ensuring pupils' SMSC development, schools can also demonstrate they are actively promoting fundamental British Values".

The Government set out its definition of British Values in the PREVENT strategy and in the above document as follows: **Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs.**

These values are also regarded as Human / Christian values at Bywell (C.E.) Junior School and are an integrated part of each day. Our school policies reflect how we promote SMSC and British Values as do our Collective Worship themes (there is a focus on British Values during Collective Worship once a week), School Council, class procedures/codes/agreements. Specifically:

Democracy
Children contribute to their class rules and the rights associated with them.
School Council meet regularly to discuss issues arising.
Children have a voice through questionnaires which can be verbal or in writing.
The school curriculum teaches the children about debate and disagreement.

The Rule of Law
Children learn about why we all need rules and the consequences of not following rules.
Children agree to abide by the rules they create in their classes and whole school rules.

Individual Liberty
Children celebrate their lives and the lives of others in a safe and supportive environment.
Children are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and advised on how to exercise these safely, through Collective Worship and the school curriculum.

Mutual Respect
Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community understand the importance of treating each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs
We actively promote diversity through our celebration of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education 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.

Policy to be reviewed September 2027