



British Values Statement

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All schools should 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.

Are schools required to promote British values?

Independent schools, including academies, have a statutory duty to actively promote British values under The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014.

While maintained schools are not legally required to promote British values, they are required to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, and the DfE says that British values should be included within SMSC teaching.

The DfE's 'The Prevent duty' guidance also advises that all schools should promote British values to help build pupils' resilience to radicalisation. The promotion of British values is also highlighted in Ofsted's 'School inspection handbook' as an indicator of good provision under the 'personal development' judgement.

Seva School British values statement

Our school is committed to actively promoting British values to ensure our pupils leave us fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

The government emphasises that all schools should ensure that they teach pupils about British values. We take every opportunity to promote the fundamental British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Through the promotion of these values, our school aims to ensure pupils:

- Understand the democratic process and how citizens can have a say in decision making.
- Recognise the advantages of living under the rule of law and how law is essential for a safe society.
- Understand that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary and why it exists.
- Understand the reasons for accountability of institutions and why courts maintain independence.
- Know why freedom of religion protects all faiths, as well as those with no faith.

- Accept that people who hold different religious beliefs should be tolerated and not discriminated against.
- Value the importance of identifying and combatting extremism.

We promote British values both within and beyond the classroom and these values are at the heart of our ethos. Here are just some of the ways our school seeks to embed the teaching of British values.

Democracy
<p>Class charter agreed upon in all primary classes Student voice responded to “<i>You said, We did</i>” Voting for student council Study of undemocratic countries (such as China and North Korea) Voting for charities we raise money for</p>
The rule of law
<p>Rules within school followed: lunchtime rules, behaviour policy, anti-bullying policy Curriculum links (PHSE lessons, Crime & Punishment in RE, History) Visits from police officers / fire service etc Rules of the road (cycling proficiency) Student leadership opportunities (peer mentors / House captains)</p>
Individual liberty
<p>Students / pupils have the right to express their opinion in class Students / pupils have the right to express their opinion in or to the student council Choice of enrichment clubs – pupils free to develop their interests Students have the choice to select option subjects in year 9 Students are supported to find a suitable post-16 education programme</p>
Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

RE taught across whole school

Books studied in English

Books available to read in library / online

Visits to various places of worship

Guest speakers from the 5 world religions

Assemblies teach and celebrate different religious festivals

No pressure for children to participate in daily prayers / worship

Art & music – learning to appreciate gifts from different cultures