

Fundamental British Values

What are 'fundamental British values'?

Schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. As part of this schools are expected to actively promote fundamental British values.

The government defines these as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

What does this mean for my child?

The schools curriculum encompasses fundamental British values is designed to prepare children and young people for life in modern Britain.

This includes helping pupils understand:

- The importance of combatting discrimination
- How we can influence decision-making by taking part in democratic processes like voting and petitioning
- Our freedom under British law to choose different faiths and beliefs
- That the law is there to keep us safe

What does this look like at Holgate?

British Values is embedded in our school ethos and curriculum. It can include more formal teaching such as learning about and respecting other religions and beliefs, understanding how the governments make decisions for our country also understanding how people can make their own choices about how they live there life, fundraising for different charities to develop a positive modern Britain.

It also includes how the children behave and act, taking responsibility for their actions, showing respect for other people and treating people how they would want to be treated, following rules and expectations—using good manners, being polite.



Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child still be able to express his/her faith at school?

Absolutely. One of the fundamental British values is respect and tolerance of people with different faiths. British law protects people's freedom to hold their own beliefs.

Any prejudice or discrimination towards pupils on the basis of their faith goes against the fundamental British values and will not be tolerated.

Will there be major changes to the school's ethos?

Our school's ethos already includes many aspects of the government's fundamental British values:

Showing respect to others, taking personal responsibility for our actions.

Promoting fundamental British values will reinforce, not change, our current ethos.