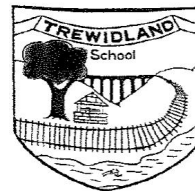


Trewidland Primary & Pre-School

British Values Policy



INTENT:

Trewidland Primary & Pre School is committed to promoting the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Our aim is to encourage pupils to be responsible, respectful, and law-abiding citizens who can contribute positively to society. We believe that promoting and embedding British Values is an essential part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

At Trewidland School we are committed to promoting fundamental British Values as set out by the DfE. These are defined as:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

At Trewidland Primary School these values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE), and Religious Education (RE). We also teach the British Values through planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Part of our vision at Trewidland School is to prepare the children of the future to become valued members of society. Promoting British Values enables children to develop a sense of community and begin to understand their responsibilities and role within it.

The school takes opportunities to actively promote British Values through our daily assemblies and whole school systems and structures such as electing and running a successful School Council. We also actively promote the British values through ensuring that our curriculum planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring these values. Actively promoting British Values also means challenging pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

At Trewidland School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

At Trewidland Primary & Pre School, we will ensure that pupils learn the importance of democracy and participation in decision-making processes. Pupils will be encouraged to express their views through regular class discussions, school council meetings and pupil surveys. We will also organise structured debates and mock elections to help pupils understand how democratic processes work in the wider world.

The Rule of Law:

To promote the rule of law, Trewidland Primary & Pre School will ensure that all pupils understand the importance of following and respecting rules, laws, and regulations. We

will provide pupils with an understanding of the British legal system and the consequences of breaking the law. Visits from the local justice system and the emergency services will support our efforts.

Individual Liberty:

Trewidland Primary & Pre School fosters individual liberty by providing pupils with the opportunity to develop and express their own identities and beliefs. Pupils will be encouraged to take on responsibility, make choices, work independently and to be creative. We will also promote pupils' understanding of their rights and the importance of respecting the rights of others.

Mutual Respect

At Trewidland Primary & Pre School, we believe that mutual respect and tolerance for other cultures, faiths, and ways of life are essential to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. We will celebrate the diversity of the school community through our curriculum, special events, cultural festivals, and visits. We will also involve parents and the community in our efforts to promote mutual respect and tolerance.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

The school follows the Cornwall RE agreed syllabus which ensures that the children learn about all the main religions and teaches a respect for the cultures, beliefs, opinions and traditions of others. Assemblies contribute to the knowledge of special occasions. The RE syllabus and assembly opportunities enhance pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. Along with PSHE lessons they provide a forum for discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying.

IMPACT

The latest Ofsted framework places a high level of importance on the promotion of British Values in schools. Inspectors will evaluate how well schools promote and embed British Values. They will also examine how well schools provide pupils with the necessary skills and knowledge to understand the fundamental British Values. The new framework also includes the expectation that pupils will understand and respect other cultures and countries and that they will have an appreciation of the richness and diversity of the wider world. Additionally, schools will be expected to provide pupils with an understanding of how to play an active and positive role in their local community.

In summary, Trewidland Primary & Pre School's comprehensive and detailed British Values policy reflects the 2014 National Curriculum in England's expectations and the most recent framework from Ofsted. The policy promotes the core British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance while providing pupils with the skills and knowledge required to become positive and active citizens. The policy statement outlines how the school will achieve these outcomes, and it sets clear expectations for pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community.

REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy was written by staff and governors.

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Signed (Chair of Governors)