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Promoting British values

Al Ameen Primary School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Al Ameen Primary School is dedicated to preparing pupils for their life beyond the formal school curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its pupils.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five British Values are:

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

The school uses strategies within the National curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for pupils. The examples that follow show some of the many ways Al Ameen Primary School seeks to embed British values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at the School, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for School Council President and councillors. The principle of democracy is also explored in the PSHE and History curriculum as well as in assemblies.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Al Ameen Primary School.

Children are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by the code of conduct and pupil expectations. Children are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At Al Ameen Primary School, children are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at the School educate and provide boundaries for pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety.

Al Ameen Primary School has a robust anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Behaviour Policy.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of Al Ameen Primary School and is part of its Mission Statement & Values. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for pupils to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved through equipping pupils with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity. Pupils benefit from a number of initiatives, including visits to different places of worship. As of recent, these have included visits to the Synagogue, Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. The school is in the process of forming a link with another school through the 3FF Forum to enhance children's experiences with learning of children and people of other faiths and backgrounds. Children are also taught about celebrations of other faiths and our Islamic curriculum for a complete half term is dedicated to children learning about and exploring other faiths.

Al Ameen Primary School strives endlessly to ensure that its pupils leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our Society.

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