

## 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 aspects of the government's fundamental British values.

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

**Fundamental  
British values**

## Where to go for more information

### **External information**

The following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) may be useful for further information:

**Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools**, GOV.UK – DfE

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/380595/SMSC\\_Guidance\\_Maintained\\_Schools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380595/SMSC_Guidance_Maintained_Schools.pdf)



## 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 requirement, schools are expected to actively promote fundamental British values.

The government defines these as:

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

## What does this mean for my child?

Schools' programmes for learning about fundamental British values are 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 in our school?

We have worked as a centre to develop our values.

- They are relevant to the age of the children
- They are built into our ethos and what we expect from all the children

### FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

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

### HILLFIELDS VALUES

- **Democracy - We let everyone talk and share ideas**
- **Responsibility - We care about everyone and everything**
- **Respect - We are kind and polite to each other**
- **Equality - I am special and so is everybody else**
- **Awe & Wonder - We see a magical world**

## Meet our Hillfields Values avatars



### Democracy

"I am Jeanette-Bubble, I am in Orchard. At 4 years old I am one of the oldest children at Hillfields Children's Centre and Nursery School. I like voting in my key group to choose which story we will read together."



### Responsibility

"I am Sade, I am 2 years old and come to Meadow room in nursery every day. I like feeding the birds in Meadow garden."



### Respect

"I am Rory, I am 3 years old and come to Stay and Play every week with my daddy. I like to share a book and help to tidy up."



### Equality

"I am Daisy, I come to Hillfields Nursery, Willow room. I like it, in Willow, when we celebrate festivals."



### Awe and Wonder

"I am Sammi, I am 3 months old and come to Baby Group every week, with my mummy. I like to watch people's faces. I like to suck my fingers and toes."