

Haggonfields Primary Statement of British Values

At Haggonfields Primary we value the diversity of backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community.

The Department for Education states that there is a need:

“To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to 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”.

The Department for Education defines British Values as follows:

Respect for democracy and support or participation in the democratic process

- Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England
- Support for equality of opportunity for all
- Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- Respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

Our school reflects British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through school so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world.

We encourage our children to be respectful: understanding themselves, appreciating each other, valuing diversity.

As stated in our Curriculum Vision

A Broad and Balanced curriculum offers:

“A diverse and inclusive curriculum which supports the progress of all children. British and community values are a thread running throughout. Children’s individuality is embraced through creativity.”

A school that promotes ‘Cultural Capital’:

“The National Curriculum defines Cultural Capital as ‘The essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has

been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.’ At Haggonfields Primary we provide a broad curriculum that enables children to be suitably equipped for their next stage of education and to go on to be active contributors to our society. Our inclusive culture and Christian ethos promotes the rich diversity of Britain and encourages children to actively take part in their local community, understanding the importance of being a global citizen. We strive for excellence in all we do and for our children to be the best that they can be.”

Democracy

Children are listened to and are taught to listen carefully to others. Children are taught to respect the right of individuals to have their voices and opinions heard. They are taught to discuss issues in a balanced and calm way. Each year the children review the school rules and class charters to ensure that they are still relevant. The school council discusses issues raised in class or as a whole school. Each council member is voted for by their own class. Children have regular questionnaires where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

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 Haggonfields Primary. Pupils are taught from an early age the value of the school rules. Children are taught the value and the reason behind the rules and the laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibility this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as local councillors, Police and the fire service help to reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At Haggonfields Primary, children are actively encouraged to make the right choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. Children are expected to take responsibility for their own actions and to understand the consequence their actions might have. We educate and provide boundaries for children to enable them to make informed choices. The understanding of rights and responsibilities are promoted through acts of collective assembly, e safety and PSHE.

Mutual respect

Mutual respect is a core value at Haggonfields Primary. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Haggonfields Primary is situated in an area that has limited, culturally diversity. The school recognises its role in preparing children for life in modern Britain. We actively promote celebrations of different faiths and cultures. The religious education syllabus is the agreed Nottinghamshire syllabus. Through RE and personal and social education we reinforce messages of tolerance and respect.

The curriculum

Staff regularly review the curriculum to ensure that it promotes the areas above. It also ensures that pupils are taught about key events and figures in history. Events during the year celebrate culturally diverse occasions and memorable events taking place in the country. At Haggonfields Primary we will actively challenge children, staff or parents who express opinions that are contrary to fundamental British values including extremists views.