

Promoting ‘Britishness’ & British Values at Brockholes Wood Community Primary School

Brockholes Wood has developed an enriched curriculum that is relevant and stimulating offering the children a range of experiences and catering for individual learning styles. The curriculum encompasses that Every Child Matters and promotes opportunities for developing the social and emotional aspects of learning through My Happy Mind and a Values-based approach.

In support of these values, the school works with children and staff to develop aspects of ‘Britishness’ that are distinct and can be either woven into, or discretely taught, via the curriculum and at out of school clubs. In our definition of ‘Britishness’ we promote the values of:

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

In initial consultations with our children from Year 2 to Year 6, they expressed their understanding about the concept of ‘Britishness’ by linking it with our strong values work which has been updated in September 2023. The values of freedom of speech, getting help when you need it, our law and judicial system were some of the first things the children identified. They gave examples from their knowledge and understanding of the world and other cultures that for example, ‘when you steal, you don’t have your hands chopped off’ and that no matter what religion or culture you are from, we all respect each other.

The School Council and Values Champions work with Mrs Blackburn on other elements of Britishness such as festivals and customs. This involves all classes as they explore different elements of Britishness through the curriculum.

We take every opportunity to support this concept and work in partnership with outside agencies and colleges on themes such as racism, democracy, mutual respect and liberty.