



BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENT STATEMENT

At Trefonen RESPECT is our core value. Mutual respect and good behaviour is the expectation of all adults and children at all times.

The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 'Prevent' strategy'

These values are embedded within our Christian Ethos, our school 'values' and our 'Golden rules'. Here at Trefonen School we utilise strategies within the National Curriculum and beyond to secure pupils' understanding of the wider implications of British values.

Democracy: Elections are held for school council representative in each class. This fosters the concept of freedom of speech and group action to address needs and concerns. Within their classes, pupils are able to vote to make choices brought to them by these representatives, helping them to develop an understanding of the vital importance of democracy in securing a fair society where everyone has a voice.

The Rule of Law: The school has a clear behaviour management policy and high standards of behaviour of both pupils and staff are expected by the Governing Body. The rights and responsibilities of every pupil are emphasised through our class-based behaviour rules. We emphasise that we are all equal under the law and that it is not only wrong, but illegal to discriminate against others on the basis of characteristics such as disability, gender, race or faith. Regular visits from authorities such as the Police Community Services Officer and Fire Service help to reinforce the message that our laws are for the protection of all.

Individual liberty: Pupils at Trefonen School are encouraged to know and understand their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, e.g. through our E-Safety policy, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curricula, circle times and assemblies. Pupils are encouraged to exercise their right to free speech by articulating their views to their School Council Representatives.

Mutual Respect: Is our number one 'Golden rule' and is at the heart of our faith: Jesus said, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' We believe that every child is unique and special. We expect all members of our school community to treat each other with respect, consideration and integrity. Pupils learn through their interactions with staff and each other, in the curriculum and assemblies that their behaviour has an impact on others. They frequently work collaboratively and are encouraged to listen to and value the opinions of others. Pupils are encouraged to understand and reach out to communities who are less fortunate than themselves and each year raise significant amounts for charity, demonstrating their respect for those who live in very different circumstances to their own.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: Despite being a faith school, we welcome pupils from other faiths or none. Tolerance is emphasised through our RE and PSHE curricula and our assemblies' programme, which celebrates key dates and festivals of other faiths and gives pupils an understanding of the beliefs and customs that underpin them. Pupils benefit from the opportunity of hearing about different communities and faith traditions in the UK and the world.

At Trefonen School we are committed to ensuring that no one in our school community is subjected to intimidation or radicalisation.

We support pupils to ensure that they do not become isolated or vulnerable, utilising resources such as the 'No Worries' scheme and promoting both peer and adult mentoring. We also teach and advise parents and carers about internet safety to help ensure that pupils are protected from extremist material on the internet not only at school but also within their home environment.

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