Promoting British Values within The Jubilee Federation

The DfE have recently reinforced the 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 Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014. Within The Jubilee Federation these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Branscombe, Broadhembury and Farway are rights respecting schools. Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard as part of their topics, PSHE opportunities, Collective Worship and community involvement.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they 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 help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a federation we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of learning challenge, of how they record, of participation in our extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. We expect all members of the school community to treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

The schools within The Jubilee Federation are situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children. Our PSHE teaching reinforces this. Pupils study different faiths or religions within their R.E. Where possible children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Within The Jubilee Federation we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.