



Promoting British Values Caslon Primary Community School 2014-15

The DfE have 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 have been reiterated this year (2014). At Caslon Primary Community School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in class and Senior Leadership meetings. The School Council manages their own budget and is able to effect change within the school. Pupils are asked to apply or be nominated for a position as a School Councillor.

Head boy and girl (Y6) and their deputies (Y5) are also appointed annually. These pupils apply and are interviewed for their position. We also have strong and active ‘learning and nurture ambassadors’ who drive various projects to support school improvement. Other groups are nominated within for specific remits – Rights Respecting team, anti-bullying ambassadors, eco team and playground pals.

Through our curriculum children are taught about, and encouraged to respect, public institutions and services. Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

Our 'pupil voice' teams are currently developing an action plan which is reviewed by the Head teacher and led by the pupils.

Pupils are selected at random for pupil interview meetings with members of the senior leadership team/subject leaders to seek their views and opinions on a range of school and community issues. Our 'pupil voice' teams network with local school and take part in joint council activities. Pupils in Y6 are given the opportunity to take part in local debating competitions as organised by the local authority. They are given opportunities to visit the Council House Cambers and the houses of Parliament.

All parents and carers are encouraged to make comments on learning at Caslon Primary Community School through our open door policy and questionnaires.

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 Caslon Primary Community school. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. Class Charters are negotiated and signed up to by the class. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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

At Caslon Primary Community School, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an 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 work.

Caslon Primary Community School is registered with UNICEF and are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting School Award.

We have a robust anti bullying culture and behaviour and safety policies in place.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

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. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. Differences between people such as differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality and differences of family situations are discussed through the PSHE and Rights respecting programmes taught in school.

Caslon Primary Community School provide opportunities for the children to visit places of significant cultural interest, places of worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school. Each year the school supports a charity and fundraising and awareness raising activities to support that charity. At Caslon Primary Community School we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views.