

British Values

“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.”

At Brookside we feel that many of these skills are taught alongside the core school rules of:

Be safe

Be kind

Be responsible

Throughout our curriculum through topics, themes and subjects such as PHSE and RE there is a strong case for forming children’s understanding of wider communities and their roles within them.

Democracy

Children have many opportunities for their voice to be heard. From the Academy Council, Heads of House, to weekly house meetings there are times in which children can put themselves forward to take on extra responsibility within a clear system to collaborate with others for the greater good.

Areas of Democracy covered at Brookside:

- The process of voting and elections
- The role of political parties
- Political parties in the UK
- Types of rule
- Benefits of being a UK citizen

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the Academy, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout the regular academy day, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through weekly assemblies. Children are taught the value and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when the laws are broken. In particular *Order Marks* (an internal academy system for when rules are broken) are a clear way in which children are accountable for their actions at Brookside.

The Rule of Law at Brookside:

- Law and justice

- Animal rights and the law
- The role of the police
- Legal systems in the UK
- Human rights
- Crime (breaking the law)

Individual Liberty

Within the Academy, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are safe, kind and responsible. We educate and provide boundaries for children to make choices safely, through a safe environment that seeks to empower their decisions. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely. Whether it be through choice of learning challenge, participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities to take foreign trips, children are given the freedom to make choices.

Individual liberty at Brookside:

- The rights of the child
- Human rights
- Keeping safe and the consequences
- E-safety
- Where can I find help and assistance?

Mutual Respect

Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others from a very early age. We expect all members of the Brookside community to treat each other with respect.

Mutual respect at Brookside:

- Sense of self
- Respecting equality and diversity
- Working together to improve communities
- Community cohesion

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Brookside is unique in many ways and we are proud of the tolerance that children show each other across the mainstream and specialist parts of the school. We encourage learning from different faiths and cultures to be embedded in to our curriculum. We actively challenge children, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views. In instances where 'extremist' views are encountered, the Academy will will work directly with families and refer to the Local Authority's Prevent Strategy.