



Gawber Primary School



British Values

At Gawber, we believe that it is incredibly important to teach our children about the many different cultures and beliefs that make up multi-cultural Britain. We encourage our children to become actively involved in teaching each other about their religions, beliefs and culture. Mutual respect and tolerance for the differences in our society are key aims across all curriculum areas. We believe that our motto of a '*Caring family School*' embodies these key values.

We celebrate the diversity in our school and hold events throughout the year from which we all learn more about the traditions and cultures present in different countries and the various beliefs and faiths around the world.

We are also keen to learn about British history and understand how we can prepare ourselves for a life in Modern Britain.

With this in mind, we 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. These values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

DEMOCRACY

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. School council elections are held at the beginning of each year where one representative is elected from each class after a ballot. The council then meets regularly to discuss issues raised by the children. The council is able to genuinely effect change within the school. The council are involved in monitoring and helping to further enhance our curriculum offer. They also focus on supporting our children's understanding of personal safety.

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. Children are taught the 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. Our older children learn about the role The United Nations play in protecting basic human rights. Our school council have based our school 'Rules of Law' on the core beliefs of the United Nations.

Peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet- The United Nations

Our Gawber Rules of Law are:

- We are respectful, tolerant and kind.*
- We are fair and polite to everyone.*
- We follow school rules to keep us safe, healthy and happy.*
- We love and care for our planet.*

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices and take responsibility for these choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we have a responsibility to provide boundaries and safety for children through rules and regulations but also give them opportunities to make mistakes and to learn from their experiences. We teach our children about the importance of consent. They are encouraged to understand that they have choices in the majority of situations. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through E-Safety lessons and through assemblies on human rights.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others and all members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect, again our motto of a 'Caring Family School' reinforces this.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEF

Our programme of assemblies addresses understanding and acceptance of different faiths and beliefs through stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures and RE and PSHE teaching reinforce this. In RE lessons, members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school and classes visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

At Gawber we have a commitment to actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

We have a planned assembly timetable that aims to teach our children about many core British values. These assemblies include:

Armistice Day and the importance of Remembrance

What is a democracy?

Empathy, Respect and Tolerance (also taught within our RSHE lessons)

Consent and making informed choices

Rights and responsibilities and the rule of Law

An understanding of basic human rights

We are proud to promote these values in our school and we are committed to empowering every single child to contribute positively to the democratic and harmonious country we live in.