

Woolenwick Junior School

'Growing roots to learn and wings to fly'



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TEACHING BRITISH VALUES

Promoting British Values At Woolenwick Junior School

The DfE has 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.” At Woolenwick Junior School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council, pupil questionnaires and pupil voice interviews. Class rules are annually agreed by every member of a class.

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 the school day, as well as when reflecting on and considering the impact of our behaviour on others in collective worship. Pupils take part in creating class rules. They 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 are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message. Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in Crucial Crew an interactive life skills session organised and led by the emergency services.

Individual Liberty

From entering at Year 3 through to Year 6 pupils are actively encouraged to develop independence and make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. 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. Pupils have regular opportunities to make choices through the school day, week and year.

Mutual Respect

Our school ethos revolves around our care and commitment to all members of the school community. Everybody matters. Posters and displays around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated in the classroom, as well as our behaviour policy. This is further supported through the use of Protective Behaviours across the school.



Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed up and supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

