

British Values

Promoting British Values at Kirkby la Thorpe

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.*”

At Kirkby La Thorpe Academy these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules. We have a school council which meets regularly to make decisions about the school. Every child on the student council is voted in by the school

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 Kirkby la Thorpe Academy. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school.

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.

Individual Liberty

At Kirkby la Thorpe Academy, 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 PSHE lessons. They also understand that with rights come responsibilities.

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. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

At Kirkby la Thorpe Academy we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, PSHE lessons and Collective Worships reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.

Our values of Kindness, Learning, and Trust naturally align with British Values, fostering a harmonious school community. Kindness reflects respect and tolerance, essential for understanding and valuing diverse beliefs, cultures, and traditions. Learning encourages democracy by teaching children to listen to others, express their views, and actively participate in decision-making. It also emphasizes the rule of law by promoting understanding of societal rules and responsibilities. Trust underpins individual liberty, helping pupils feel safe and supported as they make choices within a secure framework. Together, these values cultivate well-rounded, positive citizens who embody the principles of British Values