

## Where to go for more information

### Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about British values and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### External information

The following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) may be useful for further information:

**Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools**, GOV.UK – DfE  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/380595/SMSC\\_Guidance\\_Maintained\\_Schools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380595/SMSC_Guidance_Maintained_Schools.pdf)



Ark Walworth  
Academy

# Fundamental British values

## DEMOCRACY

Through teaching British values (democracy) to students an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process will be developed.

## THE RULE OF LAW

Schools should teach students an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety.

## INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Promote the British value of individual liberty should promote understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law.

## MUTUAL RESPECT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

Through teaching British values, students should have an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted.

## What are 'fundamental British values'?

Schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. As part of this requirement, schools are expected to actively promote fundamental British values.

The government defines these as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

## What does this mean for my child?

Schools' programmes for learning about fundamental British values are designed to prepare children and young people for life in modern Britain.

This includes helping pupils understand:

- The importance of combatting discrimination
- How we can influence decision-making by taking part in democratic processes like voting and petitioning
- Our freedom under British law to choose different faiths and beliefs
- That the law is there to keep us safe

## What does this look like in our school?

*Include details of your school's approach to British values here. This might include information about:*

- *How British values are reflected in the school's ethos*
- *How British values are embedded in different curriculum subjects*
- *How teaching about British values will be adapted for the age/maturity of pupils*
- *Pupil councils and other forms of democracy in action*
- *How the school will teach about tolerance and combat extremist views*

### FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**

## Frequently Asked Questions

***Will my child still be able to express his/her faith at school?***

Absolutely. One of the fundamental British values is respect and tolerance of people with different faiths. British law protects people's freedom to hold their own beliefs.

Any prejudice or discrimination towards pupils on the basis of their faith goes against the fundamental British values and will not be tolerated.

***How will this affect my child's lessons?***

The curriculum provides lots of opportunities to look at fundamental British values. Your child may already have some experience of this in lessons such as religious education, Preparing for Adult Life (PAL) and personal, social and health education (PSHE).

***Ark Walworth Academy Core values and ethos are in line with British values.***

### **Commitment**

Maximum effort in everything you do – all the time with no excuses.

### **Aspiration**

Always strive to be better, constantly reaching beyond your limits.

### **Resilience**

Never give up – keep pushing and keep trying.

### **Excellence**

Be the best you can be every day. Have pride and confidence in your success.

### **Self Management**

Do the right thing – never have to be asked

Our school's ethos already includes many aspects of the government's fundamental British values.

Ark Walworth Academy Core Values:

Promoting fundamental British values will reinforce, not change, our current ethos.