

At Finchale Primary School we are committed to helping all of our pupils to understand and display behaviours that show their understanding of British values. These values include democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We help develop these values in the following way:

Democracy

Our pupils see democracy in action and participate fully through the implementation of:

- A school council with representation from Reception Class to Year 6
- Y6 Playground Leaders
- School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG)
- School Worldwide Awareness Group (SWAG)
- Playground Equipment Team (PET)
- School Sports Organising Crew
- Eco Group

Our groups are elected by their fellow pupils, or are volunteers. We are committed to involving pupils in school decision making and we embrace their natural enthusiasm whilst developing their presentation, organisational and decision-making skills our pupils respect the right of every individual to have a voice. Finchale Primary School has been accredited with Investors in Children.

Rule of Law

Our pupils understand and work within shared school and class rules. They are taught the value and reasons behind these rules and laws in general, they also understand that they both govern and protect us. We have an effective anti-bullying ethos with pupils themselves acting as Buddies and Mini Buds (with appropriate help and support). They understand their responsibilities and that this involves consequences when laws or rules are broken our behaviour policy documents and reward systems guide and motivate the children effectively. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message, as do school displays and assemblies.

Individual liberty

Within school, pupils are encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We are a Rights Respecting school. We educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to empower and encourage them to make choices safely. Our pupils know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms examples of this can be clearly seen in our:

- E-safety and P.S.H.C.E lessons
- Staying Safe education and displays
- Extra-curricular activities and clubs
- Work to support projects around the World; Action Aid Chembakolli; Connecting Classrooms with Pakistan and Sri-Lanka; Links with teachers in Russia
- Work to support protecting our planet and the environment: OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Service); Forest School Project; Fair Trade Promotion
- Pupil charters devised by children at Finchale Primary.

Pupils are given the freedom to make choices and given the education and support to help them to make choices wisely.

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Respect is one of the core values of our school, encompassed in our mantra of “the Finchale way” and supported by our Unicef Rights Respecting work. Pupils know and understand that respect must be shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have. Our school is committed to developing respect for other cultures. We believe that this respect is fostered through our international curriculum and has been brought to life vividly in our strong links with schools in Pakistan and Sri-Lanka. Visiting teachers from other countries have spent time educating our children and answering their many questions. We also have strong links with All Saints CE Church, Newton Hall.

At Finchale we are committed to ensuring our pupils are prepared to live life in modern Britain and to playing a purposeful part in our society.

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