



Promoting British Values at Westbridge

We take our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain very seriously. We do this through our values-based approach to education, and by active and thoughtful involvement with our community. We wish to ensure that our school becomes and remains a positive force for Grace, Love and Fellowship.

Our 4P's (positivity, perseverance, pride and potential) help to guide us in our lives and determine our thinking and behaviour. We ensure that fundamental British values are embedded in all aspects of school life. Our aim is to help all our children discover and aspire to be the very best they can be, and to prepare them for the life of work and enable their development as good citizens.

We actively promote British values through our school vision, ethos, agreed rules, curriculum, teaching, educational visits and activities, and through the continuous professional development of our staff and governors and workshops for children and families.

Staff help pupils develop an understanding of what fairness is and ensure that in addition, pupils are encouraged to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. At Westbridge, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

- **Democracy**

We have a school council which meets every month to discuss issues raised in class meetings. Every child on the school council is voted in by their class. Children have an annual questionnaire and subject specific surveys where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

- **The Rule of Law**

Pupils are taught about the Westbridge Golden Rules when they join our school. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Regular visits from the Community Police help to reinforce this message.

- **Individual Liberty**

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 pupils to make informed choices in a variety of ways, e.g. through our assemblies, E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

- **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our school ethos of Grace, Love and Fellowship. Pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. We actively encourage all members of the school community treat each other with respect.

- Tolerance

Westbridge is a diverse school and as such, we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Our school ethos, assemblies, Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Our pupils have regular opportunities to visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.