



British Values Statement

The Education Act (2002) stated that schools must promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and ensure that they are actively promoting fundamental British Values. Guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) in November 2014 highlighted British Values as: **Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

British Values are explored through our rich and varied curriculum and underpinned by whole school initiatives and assemblies.

At Anton Infant School, we understand the definitions of British Values to be:

- **Democracy** - Britain is a democracy; this means that the people in Britain vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair.
- **The Rule of Law** - In Britain we have a police force who make sure people do not do the wrong thing and break the law; this means that we are safe.
- **Individual liberty** - In Britain, as long as we do not break the law, we can live as we choose to and have our own opinions about things.
- **Mutual respect** - We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings. We can give respect to others and we can expect other people to show us respect.
- **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs** - In Britain we accept that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they may believe in different religions.