

Mullion School

British Values Statement

Mullion School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

As a Co-operative Trust School, we believe that our core values of: Self-help, Self-responsibility, Equality, Equity, Democracy, Solidarity, Openness, Honesty, Social Responsibility and Caring for others support the promotion of British values.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Mullion School is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal, examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its students.

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five key British Values are:

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

The academy uses strategies within the national curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that follow show some of the many ways Mullion School seeks to instill British Values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at the school, with democratic processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for places on the Student Council and the Co-operative Trust Student Council. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as in tutor time and assemblies. Stakeholder views are regularly and systematically gathered by a variety of means throughout the academic year.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced within Mullion School. Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by the Ethos Policy and high expectations of behaviour are maintained. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

Students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at the school educate and provide boundaries for students to make informed choices through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety and independent work.

Mullion School has a robust anti-bullying culture.

Mutual Respect

Respect is an expectation at Mullion School and is regularly promoted as such with students who 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 and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved through equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the School. For example, the Year 7 Faith day is used to develop a multicultural and multi faith understanding. Students are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivals throughout the calendar year. The Religious Studies curriculum, which is compulsory for all students, provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

Mullion School strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our society.