

## 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)

## Fundamental British Values



## 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
- 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?

At Worthington we look for ways in which we can promote British Values through our daily living here in school. Our 'Worthington Way' looks to promote how we can all work and play happily, harmoniously and safely with each other. In this way, our school rules are supported by a set of agreed principles which reflect our view of British Values.

We seek ways in which we can illustrate British Values as we go about our daily routines of work. Some topics are ideally suited to explore British Values in greater depth than others.

Naturally, teaching about British Values is adapted for the age and maturity of our pupils.

Our School Council demonstrates our determination to hear the voice of our pupils and enables democracy to take place in our school.

In subjects such as geography and religious education, we teach the importance of tolerance and understanding that people have different views which can be expressed but not in an intolerant way.

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## 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 will already have some experience of this in lessons such as religious education (RE) and personal, social and health education (PSHE).

We deliberately look out for these opportunities when we plan schemes of work and we encourage children to think about how the values link into the topics they are studying.

### ***Will there be major changes to the school's ethos?***

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

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