



Explore, Discover, Fly High

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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At Oxford Primary School we are passionate about providing our children with the knowledge, skills and values needed to live successfully in Modern Britain.

With this in mind, we teach a broad, creative and varied curriculum and embed our school values of kindness, curiosity and courage within this. We also work hard to promote the fundamental British Values in order to equip our children with the values needed for the wider world, as well as for our school community.

The British Values are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

More detail is attached for your information.

At school we promote these in a number of ways each and every day by:

- Enabling children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- Enabling children to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England
- Encouraging pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely
- Enabling pupils to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England
- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures
- Encouraging respect for other people and for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

We really want to know the children's views of the British Values and how they perceive them. In assembly today, we have launched a competition and would like the children to help to promote these important values.

The title is 'What do the British Values mean to you?' and the children can show us this in whatever form they would like. Posters, songs, photographs, collages, paintings, stories, factsheets...anything really is welcomed! The entries do not have to focus on all the British Values; they can be centred on a single one or a range. All we ask is that any entries are brought into school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April and are clearly labelled with the entrant's name, value represented in their entry, their age and class.

The winning entry will be democratically voted for by the children and will be used as our Oxford Primary School publication for promoting British Values. It will appear on our website as well as on display around school. The winning entrant will also win a 'treat' for their class which they and their classmates will also vote for!

Many thanks for your continued support in all that we aim to achieve - I look forward to receiving many interesting and unique entries.

Yours sincerely

**Hannah Chalkley (Deputy Head teacher)**

