



Fulford School

British Values Statement

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of pupils at Fulford School, including British Values.

The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of our pupils has always been at the heart of the education offered at Fulford School. Our school's approach to SMSC is embedded in our ethos of mutual respect, partnership working and collaboration; an approach that we believe is fundamental to a full and positive participation in life in modern Britain.

Examples of how fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, have been actively promoted across Fulford School include:

- **Fulford Values and Key Learning Attributes**
- **Weekly House assemblies led by Senior team, Heads of House and/or guest speakers**
- **Student Voice activities**
- **House Councils**
- **Student Leadership opportunities**
- **Personal Development Curriculum and focus days**
- **Other curriculum areas, in particular the History and Religious Education Curriculum**
- **Form time activities including 'Fulford Thinks'**
- **After school clubs and all enrichment activities**
- **Amnesty International Group**
- **Strong international links with other schools (International Schools Award 2015)**
- **Charity work**
- **Stonewall and Disabilist Bullying campaigns**
- **Values led sections to the school Awards systems**
- **Sporting events**
- **Links with the wider community and joint project work**
- **Educational trips and visits and other opportunities for learning outside the classroom.**

We support the **spiritual** development of our pupils to enable them to develop their:

- **ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective on life and their interest in and respect for different people's faiths, feelings and values;**
- **sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them;**
- **use of imagination and creativity in their learning; and**
- **willingness to reflect on their experiences.**

We support the **moral** development of our pupils to enable them to develop their:

- **ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, and to apply this understanding in their own lives and, in so doing, respect the civil and criminal law of the UK;**

- **understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions; and**
- **interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues, and being able to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.**

We support the **social** development of our pupils to enable them to develop their:

- **use of a range of social skills in different contexts, including working and socialising with pupils from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds;**
- **willingness to participate in a variety of communities and social settings, including by volunteering, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively;**
- **acceptance and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;**

We support the **cultural** development of our pupils to enable them to develop their:

- **understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others;**
- **understanding and appreciation of the range of different cultures within school and further afield as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain;**
- **knowledge of Britain's democratic parliamentary system and its central role in shaping our history and values, and in continuing to develop Britain;**
- **willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities;**
- **interest in exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity, and**
- **tolerance towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.**

Through the range of activities offered we aim to enable our pupils to develop their:

- **self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;**
- **their acceptance of responsibility for their behaviour;**
- **their understanding of how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality in which the school is situated and to society more widely;**
- **respect for their own and other cultures;**
- **respect for other people, with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010; and**
- **respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process.**

These are the skills and attitudes we believe will allow our pupils to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.