

Promoting British Values at Nether Stowe School

At Nether Stowe School, we are proud to actively promote the core British values that help prepare our students for life in modern Britain. These values underpin everything we do and are embedded throughout the curriculum and wider school life.

The Department for Education expects all schools to teach pupils about British values, and we embrace this responsibility wholeheartedly. We promote the fundamental principles of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Through the promotion of these values, we aim to ensure that our students:

- Understand the democratic process and how individuals can influence decision-making.
- Recognise the importance of living under the rule of law and how it underpins a safe and orderly society.
- Appreciate the separation of powers between different branches of government and the importance of judicial independence.
- Recognise the need for accountability in public institutions.
- Understand that freedom of religion protects all beliefs, including those of no faith.
- Accept that differences in faith, belief, and culture should be respected and never lead to discrimination.
- Value the importance of challenging and rejecting extremism in all forms.

British values are not taught in isolation—they are integrated across the curriculum and reflected in daily school life. They are central to our values and expectations and are regularly reinforced in assemblies, tutor time, and through the wider personal development programme.

Examples of British Values in the Curriculum

- English: Students explore concepts such as democracy, power, and social justice through texts like *Animal Farm*, *Noughts and Crosses*, and *An Inspector Calls*.
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL): Pupils engage with a range of global cultural traditions and learn the importance of mutual respect between nations and peoples. They also examine key democratic developments in countries such as France.
- History: The development of democracy is a key theme, with students examining its evolution alongside contrasting political systems like dictatorship. Topics such as the Holocaust deepen students' understanding of the importance of tolerance and human rights.
- PSHCE: British values are central to the PSHCE curriculum. Topics include the Rule of Law, explored through discussions on gangs, knife crime, and digital safety. During key

national events, such as general elections, students learn about the democratic process and its vital role in shaping a fair and free society.

At Nether Stowe, British values are more than just part of our teaching—they are part of who we are. We strive to ensure that every student leaves us as a respectful, informed, and engaged member of society