

The Dfe have recently reinforced the need ***“to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”***

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister this year. At North Liverpool Academy these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voice heard through Student Voice meetings, surveys and feedback. The Student Voice meeting takes place weekly and the formal committee meet every six weeks. The Student Voice does take one full day out of school yearly to write policies and decide on the direction they will take for the school year. Members of the NLA Student Voice also attend the Liverpool Youth Parliament each half term. Pupils were recently involved in a local radio broadcast about their views on their school and neighbourhood.

The Rule of the Law

The importance of laws and rules, whether they govern a class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the school day and year. Laws and rules are also reinforced through year and whole school assemblies. Pupils are taught the values of laws and rules, the reasons behind them and the consequences that apply when laws and rules are broken. The school has regular visits from the Fire Service and the Police as part of the school calendar to help reinforce these messages.

Individual Liberty

Within school pupils are actively encouraged to make good and right choices in their daily lives. The school provides pupils with a safe and secure environment that supports them in making the right choices via a broad and balanced curriculum. Involvement in a variety of extra-curricular and community activities pupils are encouraged to utilise their freedom to make choices. Pupils also contribute their time heavily to charitable fundraising.

Mutual Respect

Pupils follow GEMS, Creativity, Teamwork, Risk Taking, Problem Solving, Determination and Reflection. These are the core values which reflect the vision and ethos of North Liverpool Academy. This ethos promotes respect for others and this is reflected in our behaviour expectation and expectations in the classroom and beyond.

Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through an enhancement of pupil understanding of their place in a culturally, diverse society and by giving them experience of such diversity. Assemblies about prejudice based bullying, such as homophobia have been conducted and tolerance is supported by learning in the i-Lead classes.