British Values

Throughout my school life, the British Values have shaped me into who I am today. At Warden Hill, we learn these values because in 2017 the Department of Education said, ‘British Values ensure young people understand the importance of respect and leave school, fully prepared for life in Britain.’ I would like to share these values with you.

**Democracy**

Democracy is a law to make sure everyone has a voice. At Warden Hill, we have certain roles (School Council, Eco Warrior and House, Vice and Sports Captain) we make speeches for these roles and someone is elected for either our House or Class. Once everyone has shared their speech, we must vote secretly, whether that’s writing on a sheet of paper, or by putting it in a box or closing our eyes and voting. At the end of the year after SATs we watch a film. The teachers don’t choose it themselves. They ask us. So that we all have a voice.

**Rule of Law**

The Rule of Law was put in place so that everyone is treated the same. It is a code of conduct that keeps us safe in the fairest possible way. In our school, we have ‘Golden Rules’ which are put in place to keep us safe at school; if we break one of the ‘Golden Rules’, there will be consequences so that nobody else is affected by their wrong doing. We have had Child Net come into school to deepen our understanding of how we can stay safe online. We must always treat everyone the same!

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

Mutual Respect and Tolerance is to celebrate diversity and treat everyone the way you want to be treated. In Warden Hill, we respect everyone from the reception pupils to teachers; no matter what gender or religion, we show this by having multi-cultural days to celebrate all religions. This reminds me of an inspiring man I learnt about in RE called Mahatma Gandhi who said, ‘Be the change you want to see in the world.’ And he promoted tolerance of other religious people separated. He always treated everyone the way he wanted to be treated and that is like Warden Hill.

**Individual Liberty**

Individual Liberty was put in place so that everyone has freedom to make their own choices. In our school, we show this by listening to everyone to show we all have a voice. In the Year 6 production we show individual liberty: we allow people to go for whatever part they want. At school, I have been given liberty when I had he choice for the school swimming gala, the feetfirst dance festival and running for House, Vice and Sports Captain. At this school, we always make sure everyone has a voice.
To conclude, at Warden Hill we learn the British Values: Democracy; Rule of Law; Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty. We learn these values to make sure we are ready for life in Britain when we reach adulthood.

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