

LIFE AT LOWTON



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LOWTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
HIGH SCHOOL

AN EXPLORATION OF OUR BRITISH VALUES

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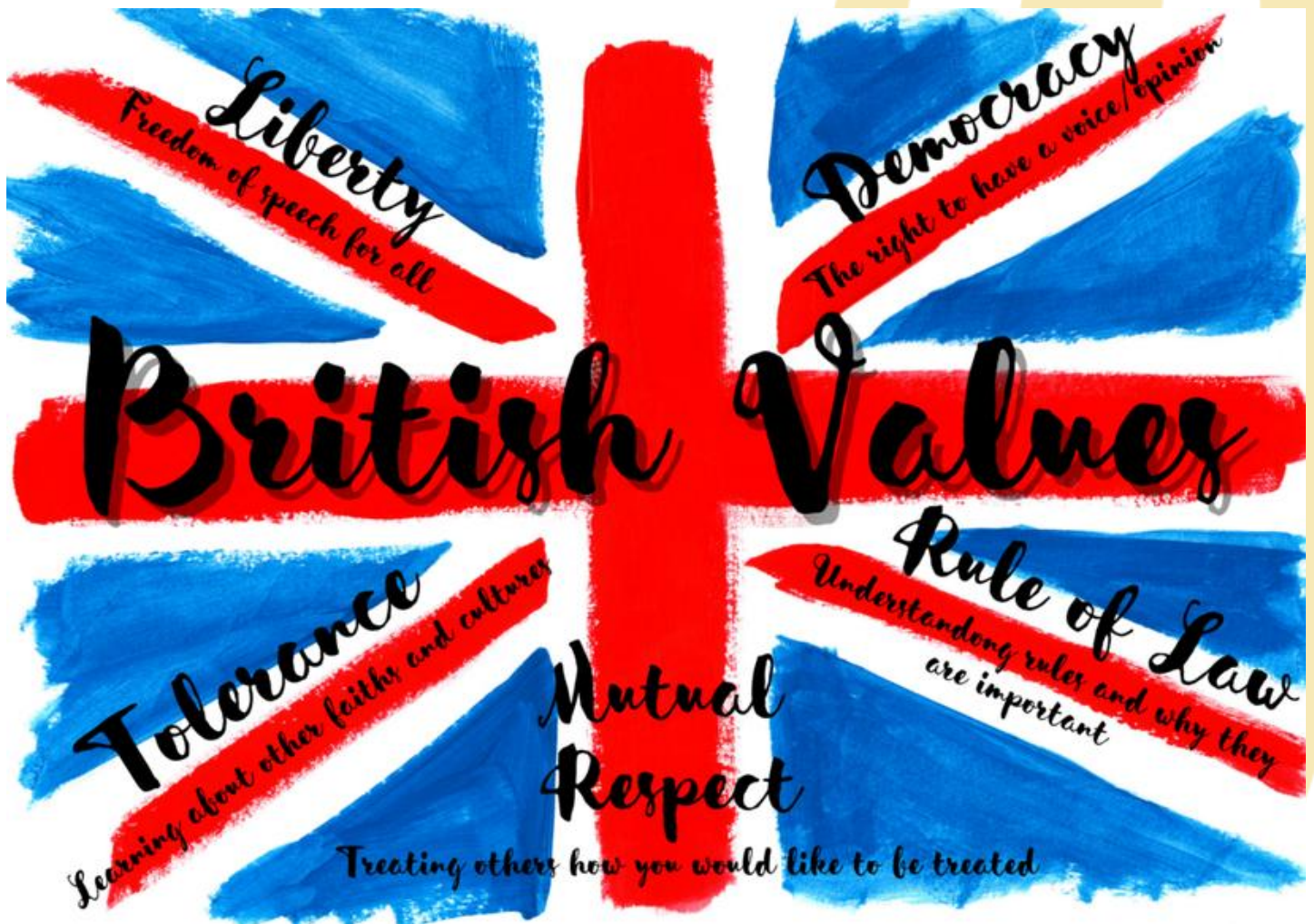


BRITISH VALUES: AN OVERSIGHT

BRITISH VALUES

The fundamental British values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

They help us to live well together and to treat one another fairly.



Our School **VALUES**

At Lowton, **British Values** sit alongside our school values of **caring**, **learning**, and **succeeding** and our calling to be the light of the world.

"Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

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BRITISH VALUES: DEMOCRACY

The principles of democracy and social action are tied into our school values, encouraging all of you to tackle injustice and do what is right for society.

DEMOCRACY: WHAT IT MEANS

This is an understanding of how all citizens have a role in influencing the democratic process. Democracy also means being willing to listen to views that are different from your own, and being free to express your own opinions.



HOW WE TEACH

DEMOCRACY

Democracy means everyone has a voice and decisions are made fairly. People share their views, listen to one another, and accept that the majority decides, while still respecting those who disagree.

At Lowton You experience this through **pupil voice** and our **ambassador programme**, electing representatives who speak up for others.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." Proverbs 31:8

HOW IT WORKS IN THE UK:

The people who govern a country make decisions about how society is organised – decisions that affect everyone. In the UK, we elect the people who govern us. We also elect people to question the government and hold them to account on our behalf in Parliament. This is called representative, or parliamentary, democracy.



We can only be truly fair if we listen to other people's opinions, thoughts and feelings. Voting only works if everyone has a voice. Make time to listen to other people today and think about what they want too.

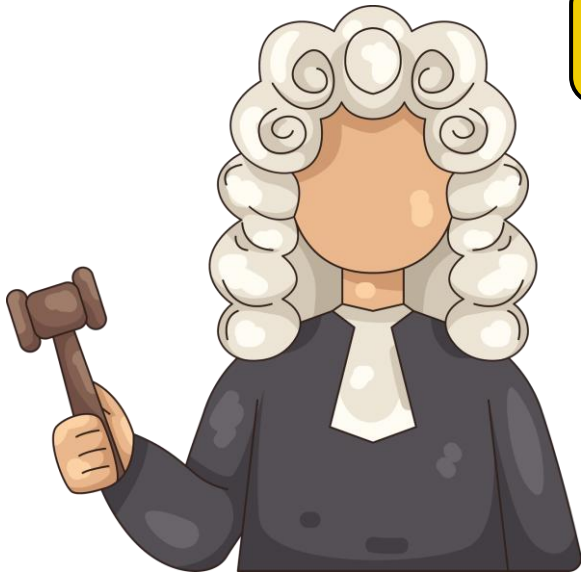
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BRITISH VALUES: RULE OF LAW

RULE OF LAW



At Lowton Church of England High School, the **Rule of Law** is taught and upheld as an important British value, promoting fairness, personal responsibility, and a safe learning environment.

During your time in school, you will be given opportunities to explore legal codes and social structures (e.g. cultures, values, beliefs) to understand moral dilemmas and the consequences of your choices and actions.

HOW DO WE PROMOTE THE RULE OF LAW AT LOWTON?

At Lowton, the rule of law is taught as a core British Value through a blend of classroom curriculum and daily school culture. It is embedded across subjects, focusing on justice, moral codes, and why laws are essential for a fair society.



PSHE & Citizenship: In PSHE, pupils explore the importance of law, democracy, and justice in a fair society. They learn how to safely and legally address social issues and can even take part in youth parliament elections to see the legal system in action.



Religious Education (RE): The RE curriculum explores religious and moral codes, and how these codes are often reflected in UK law. Pupils analyse moral dilemmas, laws, and the relationship between religion and the state in British society.



Behaviour Policy: The rule of law is reinforced practically through the school's Behaviour Policy. Pupils learn that there are clear expectations for behaviour, and that rules are applied fairly, transparently, and consistently to protect the safety and learning environment for everyone.

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BRITISH VALUES: MUTUAL RESPECT

MUTUAL RESPECT

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs is one of our British Values.

It promotes an inclusive society where people treat others with dignity, embrace diversity, and accept differences without discrimination, even when opinions or backgrounds differ.



RESPECT WHAT IT MEANS



A DEFINITION:

The word 'respect' comes from two Latin words: 're' meaning 'back' and 'specere', meaning 'to look'. So the meaning of our modern word seems to have developed from an idea of looking back at, regarding, or considering someone or something. Today, the word means 'to value someone highly for what they say or do' or 'to treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them.'

Sometimes it's easy to show respect and sometimes it's hard. But when we respect others and treat them well, we respect ourselves and show the world how we want to be treated in return.

How can you show respect today?

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BRITISH VALUES: TOLERANCE

TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

At our school, we believe in kindness, respect, and fairness.

We follow our Christian values to make sure everyone feels safe, included, and valued.

⊘ We do NOT accept bullying or discrimination

☑ We celebrate differences and support each other

What does this **LOOK LIKE?**

In our lessons, we try to understand the world around us.

In Religious Studies we learn about different beliefs and why it's important to respect everyone and in History we discover important stories like the Civil Rights Movement, Windrush generation, and LGBTQ+ history. These lessons help students understand and appreciate different people and cultures.

We also teach important skills for life including the importance of being kind and understanding and thinking carefully about choices. Pupils at Lowton are encouraged to stand up for what is right and to challenge unfair behaviour.

In assemblies & form time pupils will talk about big ideas like kindness and fairness. We will learn to care about others and explore feelings.



♥ Our promise is that at Lowton, we will always:

- ✿ Treat everyone with respect
- ✿ Celebrate differences
- ✿ Help every student feel they belong

EVERYONE BELONGS

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BRITISH VALUES: LIBERTY

Liberty (or individual liberty) means having the freedom to make your own choices, express your opinions, and hold personal beliefs.

LIBERTY: A DEFINITION

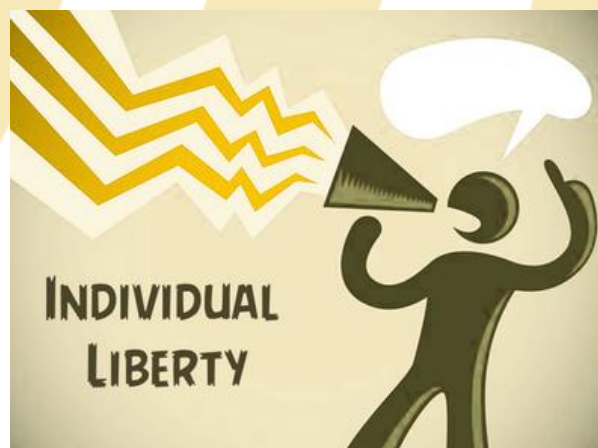
Liberty means having the freedom to make your own choices and live your life without unfair control or restrictions.

You can think what you want

You can say what you believe

You can act freely, as long as you don't harm others or break the law

**FREE TO MAKE CHOICES
FREE TO BE WHO YOU ARE
FREE TO HAVE A VOICE**



How it **WORKS**



Liberty in school means that you have the freedom to make choices and express yourself in a fair and respectful way. For example, you can share your opinions during class discussions, choose certain subjects or extracurricular activities you enjoy, and follow your own beliefs without being treated unfairly. At Lowton, we also support liberty by allowing you to express your individuality within the rules and giving you a voice through ambassadors or pupil voice.

This freedom comes with responsibility: you must respect others, follow school rules, and use your freedom in a positive & safe way.

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