

Democracy

The ability to communicate is the most important area of learning. At Wakefield Methodist School we ensure that pupils are given a 'voice' to communicate on an individual level and through representation on school council and collective worship group. We hold whole school elections for our school council in which all children are involved and every child has a vote. We empower our pupils by giving them opportunities to make choices about the things that they believe to be important. By valuing each 'voice' and by listening and responding to that voice we demonstrate that we support democracy and liberty.

Individual Liberty

Pupils are encouraged to become good and valued citizens. We do this by supporting each pupil to become as independent as possible. We endeavour to demonstrate that everyone has rights; this includes the right to say 'No' when appropriate. Some pupils will be able to take responsibility for particular roles and to understand that with certain rights a certain level of responsibility follows. Learning to do things independently is an important part of learning to understand yourself. We support others by participating in local community and national events and charitable events such as: Candlelighters, All We Can, CAP, Samaritans Purse and Comic Relief. We believe that by engendering a caring and helpful environment and by learning to be independent can boost and nurture a healthy self-esteem.

Mutual respect

We promote each pupil's inclusion, where possible, in a range of activities and settings and locations. Events and circumstances are planned for pupils to go into the community to meet with a range of people in a variety of situations which include: sports events, community events and shared participation with other schools within and beyond our pyramid. We have very close links with our local church and diocese.

Rule of Law

We involve pupils in setting codes of behaviour; helping pupils to make decisions and choices that are acceptable to the school community and society at large. Pupils are helped to learn to manage their behaviour and take responsibility for their actions. Staff are committed to providing a consistent and predictable environment within the school and beyond. We can help some pupils to understand the connection between actions and consequences. This type of environment enables pupils to feel safe and secure; this in turn, promotes the optimum conditions for learning to take place.

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

We serve a community where each person is respected and valued equally without regard to ability, gender, faith, heritage or race. Cultural appreciation and development forms part of our curriculum. We place great emphasis on providing encounters and participation in events and celebrations to broaden all pupils' experiences and awareness of others. Our Worship helps all pupils to find out about themselves and others linking their lives to the communities in which they belong. The themes cover areas such as: friendships, helping others and celebrations from a range of faiths and world events. Visits to differing places of worship also engender a respect and understanding of differing belief and worship practices. Pupils are encouraged to experience British Culture through our curriculum themes. Schools take part in local sporting activities which helps to instil 'fair play' and engender a 'team spirit'. The staff work closely with parents, carers and other professionals to ensure that the pupils in our school are happy, well cared for and enabled to learn the skills they need to live a fulfilling life as part of their community.



At Wakefield Methodist School we promote 'British Values' through our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and distinctly Christian ethos, which permeates school life.