

BRITISH VALUES

Beit Shvidler wholeheartedly supports and actively promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

In line with the actions of Jews for over a thousand years, we acknowledge the country we live in, we join in celebrating its achievements and we develop respect in our pupils for the country they live in.

Our school promotes within its ethos a tolerance of others, acceptance of other faiths without prejudice and promotes a moral/ethical religious curriculum alongside a national curriculum, which respects British laws and citizenship and embraces Britain.

Our pupils are taught to understand British values such as democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.



Below are listed different ways in which we embed British Values in Beit Shvidler.

Democracy

- Encouraging respect for democracy and democratic processes
- Understanding how citizens can influence decision-making

Pupils have opportunities to learn about British democratic values at the time of General Elections and from the visits of local politicians. Pupils influence decision-making through the democratic process by contributing to school life in a number of elected and other roles including School Council, prefects, Sports ambassadors, Playground Monitors and as team captains.

Opportunities include:

Elected School Council

School Council Meetings

Mock Elections

Visits to Houses of Parliament

Reinforced in assemblies – local, European and national

Pupil Questionnaires

The Rule of Law

- Enabling children to distinguish between right and wrong and respect the civil and criminal law
- Appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individuals

Our school has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. At Beit Shvidler, we promote the rule of law, the values and the reasons behind laws. Whether they govern the class, the school or the country, they are essential for their wellbeing and safety and an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens. This is developed through visits from authorities such as local police officers and police community support officers. There is a safe-cycling proficiency course for Year 6 pupils and training opportunities for Years 5 and 6 from the Community Security Trust develop these areas further. Younger pupils learn about safety and how to behave with the help of visits from the emergency services, such as the Fire and Ambulance services.

Opportunities include:

Streetwise Session

Police and First Station Visits – Stranger Danger, Home Alone

Events covering National Events e.g. Scottish Independence

Teaching links between British Law and Values and Jewish Law and Values (Halochoh)

People who Help Us (Foundation Stage)

Individual Liberty

- Developing self-knowledge, self-esteem and confidence

We foster a safe and supportive environment where pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.

Pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on e-safety and PSHE lessons.

Opportunities include:

Circle of Friends

Reward systems

Star of the Week Award

Significant Achievement

Reinforced in daily assemblies

Beit Shvidler Medallion (based on Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme)

Residential and Adventure Trip (Years 5 & 6)

Inter school Sports Network

Maccabi tournaments

The Interschool's General Knowledge Quiz

Etgar

Streetwise

Healthy Living Week

Drugs Education

Regular opportunities for individual and whole class presentations

Mutual Respect

- Encouraging acceptance of responsibility for behaviour, showing initiative and contributing positively to those living locally and nationally

Respect forms a core pillar of our school and ethos. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect. This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy and reward scheme.

Tolerance and respect for others is achieved through direct class-based lessons, through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity, including visitors to school, class outings etc. Throughout the year, assemblies are held focusing on many aspects of tolerance, respect, different cultures and other aspects of British Values.

Opportunities include:

Middos Tovos (positive personal and interpersonal attributes)

Playground Leaders

Y6 Prefects

Visits to Sydmar Lodge (Senior Home)

Year 6 Bronze Ambassador pupils assisting with setting up activities for younger pupil

GIFT food collections and packing

Toy Drive

(Children's Tzedakah Committee)

Great Ormond Street Hospital Fundraiser

Royal British Legion collection

Middoh (positive attribute of the week)

Disability Week
Kindertransport (Year 6)
Multicultural Week
Religious Buildings in local Area
Reinforced in assemblies
Anti-bullying policy
Chinese New Year