

British Values at Holmer Green Junior School

Helping our children become confident, respectful and responsible citizens

At Holmer Green Junior School, British Values are part of everyday school life. They are woven through our curriculum, assemblies, PSHE, RE, pupil leadership, behaviour expectations and relationships rather than being taught as a separate subject.

We want our children to leave HGJS ready to take their place in the world: able to make good choices, respect others, contribute to their communities and believe in their own potential.

Have a Voice – Democracy

We want children to know that **their voice matters**. Pupils have opportunities to share ideas, listen to different viewpoints and contribute to decisions about school life.

Our **School Council, Sports Council, Eco Warriors, House Captains, Wellness Ambassadors and Mental Health Ambassadors** give children meaningful opportunities to take responsibility and make a difference. Pupils standing for leadership roles may prepare speeches before their peers vote, giving them practical experience of democracy and respecting the outcome of a vote.

Follow the Rules – Rule of Law

Children explore why rules exist and how they help keep our school safe, happy and ready for learning.

We encourage pupils to understand that rules are not simply things adults impose. Good rules help communities work well, protect people and ensure everyone can enjoy their rights. Through our behaviour expectations, routines, playtimes and restorative conversations, children consider choices, consequences, fairness and responsibility.

Make Good Choices – Individual Liberty

We want every child to feel safe, valued and confident to be themselves.

Children learn about the choices they can make in their learning, friendships, interests and responsibilities. Through PSHE, online safety, assemblies, pupil leadership and everyday classroom experiences, pupils learn that freedom comes with responsibility.

We encourage children to become increasingly independent, confident and resilient, while making safe, respectful and positive choices.

Respect Everyone – Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Respect is central to life at HGJS. Children learn to:

- listen to others and value different opinions;
- show kindness and consideration;
- disagree respectfully;
- treat people fairly and with dignity;

- learn about different faiths, cultures and beliefs;
- challenge unkindness, prejudice and discrimination.

We encourage children to ask thoughtful questions and understand that people may have different beliefs and experiences.

Different does not mean wrong. Everyone should be valued and included.

Growing as Citizens

Our Thursday assemblies during **2026–27** delivered by the headteacher, take children on a journey through the four values:

AUTUMN – UNDERSTANDING

What do these values mean and why do they matter?

SPRING – RESPONSIBILITY

What responsibilities come with being part of a community?

SUMMER – LIVING THE VALUES

How can we put these values into practice and make a positive difference?

By the end of the year, we want children to understand that they **do not have to wait until they are adults to be active citizens**. They can have a voice, follow rules, make responsible choices and respect and include others **NOW!**

British Values in Everyday Life

You will see these values when children share ideas, take responsibility, make choices, show kindness, develop resilience, respect different viewpoints, challenge discrimination and contribute positively to their school and wider community.

We Inspire. We Enable. We Achieve. Together.