



TEIGN SCHOOL - BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

Teign School is a Rights Respecting School and is committed to serving its community and preparing students for life in modern Britain. We recognise the diverse, multi-faith and evolving nature of the United Kingdom and actively promote inclusion, equality and understanding.

We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students. This includes protecting them from discrimination, harassment, and radicalisation, in line with the Prevent Duty. We ensure that all students feel safe, valued and able to express their views appropriately within a respectful environment.

We operate in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and uphold the principle that no individual or group should experience discrimination based on protected characteristics or background.

We aim to develop confident, respectful and responsible young people who contribute positively to society. British values are embedded through our curriculum, pastoral systems and wider school life, and underpin our provision for students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development and Personal Development.

The Government defines British values as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs



Democracy

Democracy reflects fairness, equality and participation in decision-making.

At Teign School we promote democracy through:

- A strong Rights Respecting ethos based on the UNCRC
- Student leadership roles such as House Leaders and School Council representatives
- Meaningful student voice through surveys, forums and consultation
- Opportunities to influence aspects of school life and decision-making
- Promotion of equality through adherence to the Equality Act 2010

Students develop an understanding of how they can influence change and participate responsibly in democratic processes.

The Rule of Law

The rule of law ensures that everyone understands their rights and responsibilities and that rules are applied fairly.

At Teign School we promote the rule of law through:

- Clear and consistently applied policies, including Behaviour and Celebration
- A well-understood Student Code of Conduct
- Expectations and accountability for all members of the school community
- Education on laws and safety, including online safety, relationships education and substance awareness
- Work with external agencies such as the police and safeguarding partners
- Embedding rights and responsibilities through the UNCRC

Students learn the importance of laws in maintaining safety, fairness and order in society.



Individual Liberty

Individual liberty supports students to make informed choices in a safe and supportive environment.

At Teign School we promote individual liberty through:

- A strong safeguarding culture where students feel safe and supported
- A robust anti-bullying approach, including peer support and clear reporting systems
- Opportunities to express views respectfully across the curriculum
- A wide and inclusive extracurricular programme
- Academic guidance and choice at key transition points
- Opportunities for leadership and student-led initiatives

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their choices while respecting the rights of others.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect underpins all positive relationships and creates an inclusive environment where everyone can succeed.

At Teign School we promote mutual respect through:

- Our commitment to being a Rights Respecting School
- A coherent curriculum including Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) and discrete PSHE lessons, which together support SMSC and Personal Development
- Teaching of key themes including identity, relationships (including consent), equality, diversity and emotional wellbeing
- Opportunities to explore and challenge discrimination, including sexism, racism and homophobia
- A broad and balanced curriculum promoting understanding of different perspectives
- Assemblies and tutor programmes addressing current issues
- A strong culture of high expectations, where respectful behaviour is consistently modelled and expected

Students develop empathy, respect for others and the ability to engage constructively with difference.



Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Tolerance involves understanding, respecting and valuing diversity.

At Teign School we promote tolerance through:

- RPE curriculum, delivered to all students in line with the Devon Agreed Syllabus
- Exploration of diverse beliefs and perspectives across subjects, including History and PSHE
- Opportunities for discussion and reflection on faith, culture and ethics
- A House system that promotes collaboration across year groups
- A rich extracurricular and enrichment programme celebrating diversity

Students develop appreciation and respect for different cultures, beliefs and ways of life.

Safeguarding, Prevent and Personal Development

British values are reinforced through our wider safeguarding and personal development provision. This includes:

- Implementation of the Prevent Duty, ensuring students can recognise and respond to risks of radicalisation
- Teaching students to evaluate information critically, particularly online
- Promoting resilience, confidence and independent thinking
- Providing opportunities for leadership, service and character development
- Supporting students' mental health and wellbeing

Commitment to Equality

We uphold **Article 2 of the UNCRC (Non-discrimination)**:

Every child has the right to be treated fairly, regardless of race, religion, gender, ability, background or beliefs. No child should be disadvantaged or excluded.

At Teign School, British values are not taught in isolation—they are embedded in everyday practice. Through our curriculum, ethos and relationships, we develop students who are:

- Respectful and tolerant
- Confident and resilient
- Responsible and thoughtful
- Ready to contribute positively to life in modern Britain