Overstone Combined School British Values - The Rule of Law



What is rule of law?

The rule of law is the importance of following the rules set by law, in order for us to be safe and happy. It means understanding what is right and wrong, and the consequences for when rules are broken.

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| | government | People who make and administer rules to live by |
| | accountability | Taking responsibility for your own actions |
| | consequence | the effect, result, or outcome of something occurring earlier |
| | law | Rules, set by government, that have to be followed |

Teaching this British Value should:

- enable children to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of Britain

- encourage children to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely



Resources to look at with your children

BBC teach – rule of law

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zc2bsk7

How we uphold the British value of The Rule of Law:

- Our school values are integral to our behaviour for learning and enable our children to effectively understand the difference between right and wrong. Children are supported to distinguish between right and wrong in the classroom, during assemblies and on the playground. They are instrumental in identifying their appropriate rewards and sanctions, through consultation and by using a restorative approach.
- Implementing our procedures and protocols for dealing with any behavioural or bullying issues and the very rare incidents of racial, homophobic and other forms of discrimination, which demonstrates to pupils that we take these issues very seriously, mirroring the attitudes of British society.
- Class rules and celebration of adhering to these rules through Class Dojos and celebration assemblies.
- Help children to distinguish right from wrong by using a variety of resources and approaches.
- Internet safety rules are taught and discussed with children.