

Welfare Awareness Topic: British Values- Mutual Respect

Overview – *The Prevent Duty is the responsibility that all education providers have to discuss the threat of radicalisation with their students (check out our Welfare Awareness Topic on Prevent for more info) To accompany this, it's also important to promote British Values. The Department of Education has specified the four fundamental elements as: Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.*

So, what is Mutual Respect?

The word 'respect' comes from two Latin words: 're' meaning 'back' and 'specere', meaning 'to look'. So the meaning of our modern word seems to have developed from an idea of looking back at, regarding, or considering someone or something. Today, the word means 'to value someone highly for what they say or do' or 'to treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them.'

We don't all share the same beliefs, faiths or ideals but we should respect others, and feel respected and safe in our own ideals. We shouldn't impose our beliefs on anyone else, as we wouldn't wish others to do to us.

Sometimes we can get caught up in thinking our way is the best way but remember that we are all different. It's not saying we can't debate our ideals and have a lively discussion with each other, all the time learning more about one another, but we shouldn't force people to think our way.

At BPP we feel the best way to embody these values is through mutual respect, understanding and support. By cultivating a diverse student population, by having rules and guidelines by which we study and socialise and by giving our student body a voice, we can embed these values into your learning journey whilst also helping you to develop and cultivate life skills that will see you become an integral member of society and an informed participant in our democratic process.

Let's take a closer look at mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Put simply, this means we all don't have to share the same beliefs and values. Respecting the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own is central to a civilised and progressive society. Mutual respect can also be defined as the proper regard for the dignity of a person or position.

We should respect an individual's differences which may be any of the following: Race, Culture, National origin, Region, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Age, Marital Status, Politics, Religion, Ethnicity, Disability, Socio-economic differences, Family structure, Health and Values.

Article/Source

Below is a video which explains more about mutual respect:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlxlqTiNS_I

For more information on British Values, you can check out this great YouTube video released by the Education and Training Foundation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9cqHsiE0vM>

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