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“One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things.” — Frank Herbert

Education with Character – Intent

At Brentnall Primary Academy, we believe in educating the whole child — nurturing not only their minds, but their character, confidence, and sense of belonging. We want every pupil to look back on their time at Brentnall with pride, remembering a school where they felt happy, inspired, and challenged, and where they were prepared for both the opportunities and the challenges that life brings.

Our children are encouraged to lead, to serve, and to take an active role in shaping our school community. They learn to work independently and collaboratively, developing the skills and attitudes that help them thrive. Through the experiences we offer, pupils grow in integrity, resilience, determination, self-discipline, compassion, courage, respect, and leadership.

The Brentnall family is a warm, supportive community where every child is valued. Our Character Curriculum plays a central role in helping pupils understand themselves and the world around them. By introducing them to diverse people, ideas, and experiences, we help them see their place in their community — and in the wider world. We teach our children that they have a voice, that they matter, and that they can make a meaningful contribution to creating a safer, kinder, and better future.

Education with Character – Implementation

At Brentnall Primary Academy, we want every child to grow into the **best version of themselves**, confident in who they are and ambitious about who they can become. To support this, we have created a Character Curriculum that strengthens pupils' skills, broadens their experiences, and builds their cultural capital. Through this, our children develop into well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to their school, their community, and the wider world.

What do we offer?

The table below outlines the different aspects of the Brentnall Primary Academy character curriculum. These traits, characteristics, experiences and opportunities allow children to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, but also their own understanding and sense of themselves.



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Careers



Brentnall Primary Academy gives children rich and varied opportunities to explore the world of work and imagine their future pathways.

Through experiences such as;

- our NHS Careers Day
- visits from scientists
- hands-on workshops with local beekeepers
- interactive sessions with Network Rail

Pupils meet real professionals and learn about the many roles that help our community thrive. These encounters spark curiosity, broaden aspirations, and help children see that their interests and talents can lead to exciting and meaningful careers.

Culture and Arts



Brentnall Primary Academy offers a rich range of cultural and artistic experiences that help children develop confidence, creativity, and a love of the arts. Pupils enjoy visits to the theatre, take part in choir performances, and shine in our in-school productions and musical concerts. These opportunities allow children to express themselves, celebrate their talents, and experience the excitement of performing.

Curriculum Enhancements



Brentnall Primary Academy ensures that every child has the chance to take part in engaging, exciting, and purposeful educational visits beyond the school grounds, designed to bring learning to life. Each year group experiences trips that directly connect to their curriculum, helping pupils deepen their understanding through real-world contexts. These visits are carefully planned to enrich children's knowledge, broaden their horizons, and support the development of character, confidence, and curiosity.



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<p>British Values</p>  <p>British Values</p>	<p>All children are taught explicitly about Modern British Values and current affairs that are happening in the wider world.</p> <p>We celebrate and embrace democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.</p> <p>The children in Y5 and 6 get the opportunity to see how laws are drafted and passed through the Houses of Parliament.</p>
<p>Subject Ambassadors</p> 	<p>Children in Upper Key Stage 2 represent all curriculum subjects as a subjects ambassadors. Once appointed, the ambassadors follow the subjects standard operating procedure alongside the staff subject leader, and work alongside them to monitor the subject, observe and participate in pupil conferencing.</p> <p>Subject leaders also meet with school visitors and demonstrate and share their knowledge about their subject.</p>
<p>Enrichment</p> 	<p>All children in school are able to take part in variety of after school clubs activities that either contribute towards their cultural capital or provide them with key life skills.</p> <p>We offer a variety of after school clubs to all year groups such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooking,• Multi-sports Club• Arts and crafts• Science• Gaming and many more...•



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Visitors



- We work hard to ensure that our children are provided with the opportunity to meet and speak to people and professionals from all walks of life.
- From Olympians, to Paralympians, from nurses to doctors, to care home residents. We want our children to learn from a range of people and learn about inclusivity and the power of never giving up on their dreams.

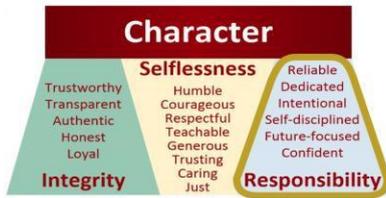
Leadership Programme



Children in Year 6 take part in a leadership learning programme that gives them the chance to make a real difference. As part of this work, pupils choose a cause that matters to them personally or benefits the wider community, then plan and deliver a project as a team. They share their work with the whole school before travelling to Oxford University to present it to a wider audience. This year, the Leadership Team chose to tackle poverty and successfully raised funds to create a school pantry.



Character Traits



At Brentnall, we work incredibly hard to develop our children's characters and personal development.

Our Brentnall Character traits are:

- Resilience
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Friendship
- Service
- Kindness

All of these traits are discussed and focused upon during working meetings, wish-wells and celebrations.

Residential Trips



Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part in residential trips that give them new experiences and help them develop independence away from home. These adventures have included an overnight stay on HMS *Belfast*, the historic warship moored on the River Thames, as well as residential in Wales and other exciting locations. Each trip is designed to build confidence, teamwork and resilience while creating lasting memories.

Cultural Links



All children in school will visit a different place of worship in each academic year of their studies.

We link with the Jewish community in the local vicinity and have welcomed the Rabbi to deliver an assembly to share information about their beliefs and culture.



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STEM



We are proud to work with local science and technology partners who run a weekly robotics club, giving children the chance to build a robot from scratch and learn how to programme it. Pupils then travel to both local and national events, competing against other teams in a series of exciting robot challenges that put their skills to the test.

Education with Character – Impact

At Brentnall Primary Academy, our curriculum is designed to bring out the very best in every child, nurturing qualities that will stay with them long after specific facts and lessons have faded. At the heart of this is character. We want our pupils to develop a strong sense of who they are, what they stand for, and how they can contribute positively to the world around them.

Brentnall Primary Academy challenges and supports children in ways that help them grow as individuals. They learn to be creative and resilient, to work as part of a team, to care for others, and to manage their emotions. We help them build the confidence and clarity of voice needed to stand up for themselves and for what is right. This development happens both in the classroom and through the rich opportunities we offer beyond it — in sport, music, performance, clubs, leadership roles, volunteering, and service to the community.

We believe that character is shown in the choices you make when no one is watching. Our Character Curriculum is designed to nurture this depth of character, helping children to be their best selves in every situation and to develop high aspirations for their future lives.