

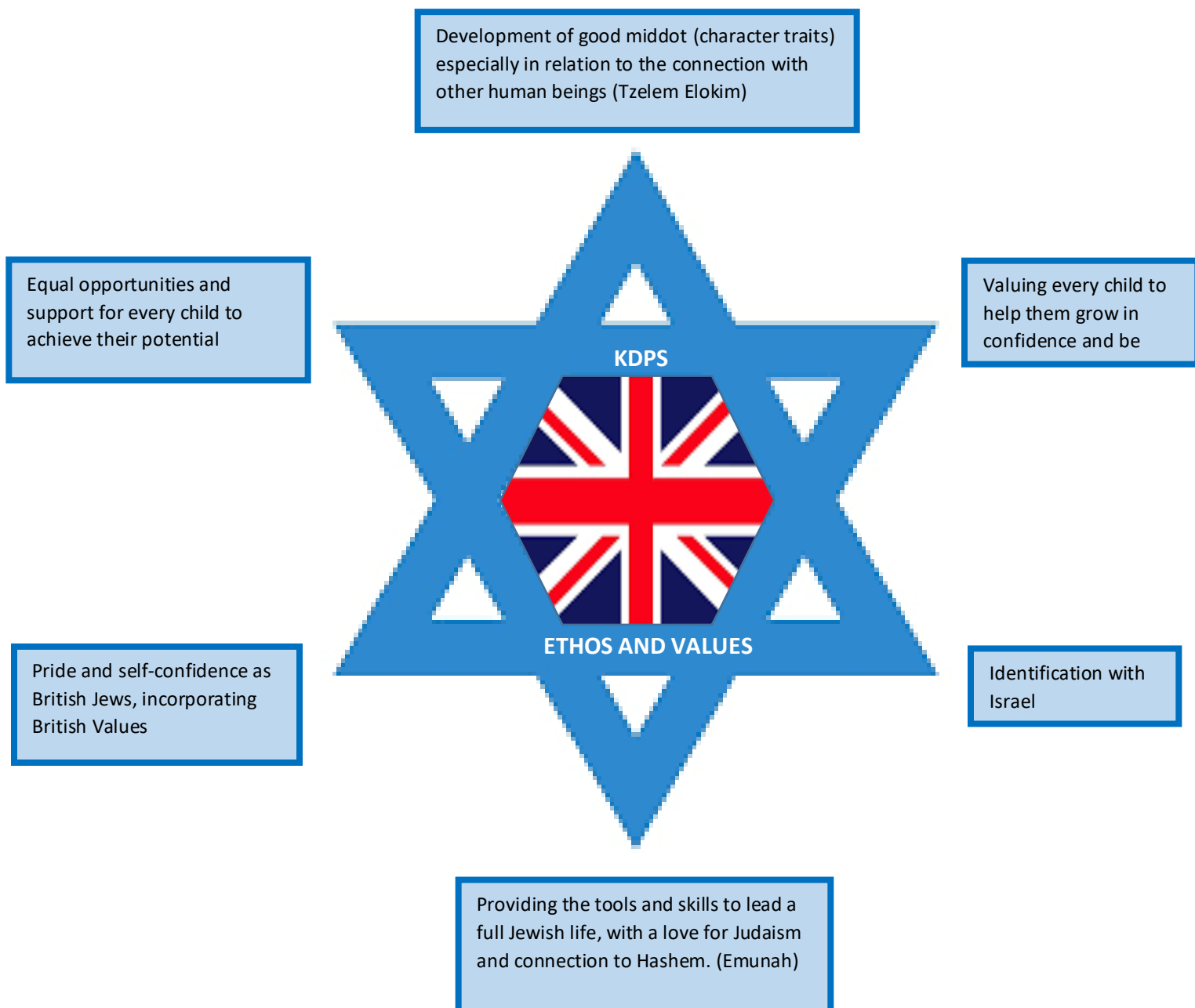


KING DAVID PRIMARY SCHOOL

ETHOS AND VALUES

King David Primary School is a Jewish, Modern Orthodox, Zionist School and our ethos is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and British Values. At the heart of our school is the biblical teaching of “Veohavta Lerayacha Kamocha - Love your neighbour as yourself...” which underpins all Jewish and British values.

The 6 points of the Star of David point to the 6 areas we promote.



Valuing every child

At King David Primary School, we believe that every child should be given the opportunity and support to achieve their potential through a love of learning.

We monitor the development of our pupils and encourage each child to make the best progress they can from their individual starting points.

We offer a broad and varied curriculum which caters to every child.

We instil in our pupils a love of learning and encourage them to become happy and confident, independent learners.

Development of good Middot (character traits)

At KDPS we instil Jewish values in our pupils.

We teach them to be kind, caring and respectful to others.

We take part in many chessed (kindness) activities both in the local community and the wider British society.

Our 'Veohavta Leraycha Kamocha – Love your neighbour as yourself' award rewards examples of beautiful character traits (middot tovot).

Our Ready, Respectful, Safe motto helps to develop good character traits.

Equal opportunities and support for every pupil

We aim to provide equal opportunities for boys and girls in all aspects of secular and Jewish learning.

We support pupils of all ability to ensure they can access our curriculum and participate in every part of school life.

We prepare all our pupils for the next stage of their education – moving on to secondary school.

Pride and Self Confidence as British Jews

At King David Primary School, we celebrate our children's Jewish heritage and give them a love for Jewish life.

We also instil a sense of pride in being British, celebrating national events and commemorating British heroes and events such as Remembrance Day.

We promote British values within school. These include: Democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect and tolerance for those who are of a different background or faith.

Identification with Israel

We instil a love for Israel in our pupils.

Children learn about the language and culture of Israel in weekly sessions led by our Israeli gap year students.

Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) is a major event in our school diary.

We raise money each year for Israeli charities.

Tools and Skills to lead a full Jewish Life

We teach Hebrew reading together with a knowledge and understanding of Torah and mitzvot (our Bible and good deeds).

Through this we equip the children to lead a full Jewish life both in school and later in adult life.

With these skills we develop their emotional and spiritual growth, encouraging them to make their Neshama glow each day by doing mitzvot and helping others in the community, which in turn will bring them closer to Hashem.