



NO OUTSIDERS

Celebrating Everyone in Our Community

MEET DAVID VOLANTE

Who Is David?

David Volante manages a jewelry shop in Handsworth, Birmingham, enjoying the lively, multicultural area.

What Does He Do?

He serves customers daily, finding them kind and respectful.

Think: Have you been welcomed somewhere new? How did it feel?



WHERE IS BIRMINGHAM?

A Big, Diverse City

Birmingham, one of England's largest cities with over a million people, is renowned for its incredible diversity.

This "super diversity" means a rich mix of cultures, languages, and religions coexist.

Talk: What makes a place welcoming to everyone?



WHAT IS ETHNICITY?



Our Identity

Ethnicity is part of who we are — it can relate to where our family comes from, the language we speak, or the culture we grow up in.



More Than One Part

But we are much more than just our ethnicity. We also have hobbies, beliefs, dreams, and personalities that make us unique.

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

Counting Everyone

The UK conducts a census every few years, counting everyone and gathering data like age, location, and ethnicity.

Why It Matters

This data helps the government plan schools, hospitals, and services for all communities.

Think: Why is fair counting crucial?

PEOPLE OF BIRMINGHAM



White or White British

Nearly half of people in Birmingham identify as White or White British.



Asian/Asian British: ~25%.

Black/Black British: ~10%.

WHAT IS INTEGRATION?

Living Together

Integration means diverse people living together, respecting each other, and being part of the same community. It's not about equal numbers of each ethnicity in every area. True integration is about respect, fairness, and belonging.

Talk: Can a place be integrated even if everyone doesn't look the same?





DAVID'S EXPERIENCE

David says: *“As a white British man, I’ve had nothing but respect in the two years I’ve worked here.”*

He enjoys being part of a multicultural area where people treat each other well.

Think: Why is it special that people from different backgrounds show respect?

WHY DIWALI IN THE SHOP?

A Festival of Lights

Diwali is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival that celebrates light over darkness and good over evil.

Respect Through Display

David has a Diwali sign in his shop not because he celebrates it himself, but to show respect and welcome to his customers who do.

Talk: How can small actions show big respect?



MEET BOB BALU

A Proud Resident

Bob Balu, a Handsworth resident, states:

"We've got Indians, Pakistanis, Vietnamese, Caribbean, white people – we're all passionate about recognising everyone."

Recognising vs Celebrating

'Recognising' means seeing, valuing, and respecting others, even if we don't celebrate every festival.

Talk: Why is 'recognising' as important as celebrating?



FOOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Many Cultures, One Community

Bob: "We're giving it to everyone. And we all eat."

Handsworth offers diverse foods like curry, pho, jerk chicken, and fish and chips—enjoyed by all.

Sharing = Caring

Sharing food connects us and fosters cultural understanding.

Think: What's a favorite dish from another culture?



GIVING BACK



Helping Others

Bob says he wants to give back to his community. This could mean volunteering, helping neighbours, or keeping the area clean.



Making It Better

Giving back means doing something kind to make your area a happier, safer, fairer place for everyone.

DIFFERENT, BUT EQUAL

No 'Better' Community

Some people might say an area is better if everyone looks the same. But David and Bob would disagree.

Strength in Diversity

They believe that communities are stronger when people from all backgrounds live together with respect.

Talk: What would our school be like if everyone was the same?



OUR SCHOOL VALUE: NO OUTSIDERS

Everyone Belongs

At our school, we follow the 'No Outsiders' rule — that means no one is left out because of who they are.

British Law

The law in the UK says it's wrong to treat someone unfairly because of their race, religion, or background.

This protects everyone and helps us live together peacefully.



WHICH BRITISH VALUE?

Mutual Respect

This story highlights the British value of **mutual respect and tolerance**. We respect others, even if they are different.

Individual Liberty

We also value the freedom to be ourselves, provided we don't harm others.

Talk: How do you show respect to people who are different from you?



WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

