



## **British Values Statement**

The DfE have recently reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'

### **Democracy**

Democracy is rife within our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through Pupil Parliament and Pupil questionnaires. The election of Parliament members and House captains are done solely on pupil votes.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies Pupils are taught the values and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service and Local MPs are a regular part of our calendar and help reinforce these. Pupils also have the opportunity to visit Parliament and meet other MPs.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely through E - Safety and PHSCE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge, how they record, participation in our numerous extracurricular clubs, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

### **Mutual Respect**

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core principles such as 'Respect,' and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. Respect for others is reiterated through our class charters as well as our behaviour policy.

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. RE and PHSCE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school in addition to pupils visiting places of worship that are important to different faiths.