

## British Values



### **Promoting British Values at Eynsham Community Primary School**

The Department for Education has 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.”

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister. At Eynsham Community Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

#### **Democracy:**

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our school council, pupil voice (meeting between pupils and staff to discuss specific topics and share ideas) and pupil questionnaires. Elections for school council representatives are undertaken in each class every year, as well as for Year 6 House Captains and Eco Warriors. Children are always able to voice their opinions and we aim to foster an environment where children are safe to disagree with each other.

#### **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of rules, for the class, the school, or the country, are reinforced throughout the school day by our school charter, class rules and behaviour policy as well as through our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) programme and school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value of, and reasons behind, rules and laws

and how they protect us. They learn that everyone has responsibilities and that there are consequences when laws are broken. Visitors from the community help to reinforce this message, such as the local PCSO.

**Individual Liberty:**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make appropriate choices, about their learning and their behaviour, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.

**Mutual Respect & Tolerance:**

Respect and tolerance underpin the ethos of our school community through our school charter: respect yourself, respect others and respect your surroundings.

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