



## **Promoting British Values at Manor Road Primary School**

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.*”

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated last year (2014). At Manor Road these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

Each year the children decide upon their class rules/charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of these rules/charter.

We have a School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised in school and to work on school projects. The Council has its own standing in school and is genuinely able to effect change. Every child on the School Council is voted in by their class.

Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Manor Road.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our Manor Road Code, Playground Rules and Safety Rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

## **Individual Liberty**

At Manor Road, 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 informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

## **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. The first element of our Manor Road Code reads: We will treat each other and our school with respect

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

Although Manor Road is not a widely diverse school we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Our commitment to the Global Citizenship Project illustrates our commitment to exploring diversity in school and beyond. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

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