

## British Values at William Fletcher Primary School

### What are the fundamental British Values?



The fundamental British Values are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and...
- Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs (and those with none).

### How do we promote and reinforce British Values in school?

#### **1. Promoting the values of Democracy in lessons and wider school life**

William Fletcher is a Gold Award UNICEF Rights Respecting school. This means that the Rights of the Child are taught, respected and celebrated across our curriculum and wider school life. We value children's voices and opinions and ensure that they are listened to. We have a number of active and valued pupil voice groups in school, including: School Council, Eco Committee, Anti-bullying Group, BLP Group, Sports Crew, Library Crew and Article 12 (our Rights Respecting steering group). Additionally, children in each class discuss and vote for which articles (children's rights) they would like to include on their Class Charter for the year. We also teach, celebrate and practise democracy in a number of ways across the school including:



- Whole-school involvement in Parliament Week
- Whole-school and key stage assemblies each week with a focus on school values
- Trips to parliament
- Article 12 Committee (our Rights Respecting Steering Group) meetings and visits to local Parish Council
- Children's concerns are listened to by all members of staff
- Jigsaw / PSHE lessons which specifically focus on democracy
- Pupils and parents have been asked to complete questionnaires about their views of school and our curriculum.

#### **2. Promoting the Rule of Law in lessons and wider school life**

As a school, we ensure that children understand the value of rules (both in school and the wider community) and engage with them. These rules are consistently reinforced and discussed throughout the school day. We also encourage both staff and pupils to use "Rights Respecting" language and prefer the rights of the child when discussing behaviour with pupils. We promote the rule of law in other ways through:



- Referring to classroom charters
- Following our School Behaviour Policy
- Having focused assemblies
- PSHE / Jigsaw and Circe Time sessions focused on behaviour, choices and consequences

- Year 6 Junior Citizens visits
- Visits from Fire Service and Police

### 3. Promoting the importance of Individual Liberty in lessons and wider school life

We value and celebrate every individual in our school. Our Rights Respecting work encourages and empowers children to understand, respect and use their rights and freedoms as individuals. We promote the importance of individual liberty in others ways, such as:



- Using the language of “choices” throughout school to encourage children to make their own
- Jigsaw / Circle Time sessions focusing on children as individuals and celebrating themselves
- Ensuring that children learn about cyber safety and empowering themselves to stay safe and understand their right to protect personal information etc.

### 4. Promoting the importance of mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs in lessons and wider school life

As a school, we actively teach our children about the importance of tolerance and respect. These values are highlighted in our school policies and ethos. Students and staff speak to and treat each other with respect and every member of our school community is valued. We have strong links with our local church and make visits there for Christmas, Harvest and Founder’s Day celebrations. We also actively encourage members of our school and wider community with different faiths to come and share their beliefs with us. Our RE curriculum ensures that children learn about different faiths and beliefs and that they understand the importance of respecting different beliefs. We have also partnered with schools overseas to work on joint projects (previously with a school in Nepal and currently with a school in India). This allows our pupils to have meaningful interactions with pupils from different backgrounds and cultures. Additionally, we promote tolerance and respect of different faiths in beliefs by:



- Continuing our Rights Respecting school work which ensures mutual respect across the whole school community is at the core of our values
- Focusing on our School Values which include respect for and celebration of diversity
- Leading specific focused assemblies for all year groups
- Identifying in our Rights Respecting Schools work the importance of having the right to choose and practise your own religion
- Having clear and comprehensive Anti-bullying, Behaviour and Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers policies, which set out clear expectations that tolerance and respect are fundamental values in our school community.