



## British Values

The Department of Education states that there is a 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." At Woodfield, these values are reinforced regularly and integrated within our pupils' learning in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

Democracy is integral within school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and across the school day through informal and formal interactions. Many activities across the curriculum have outcomes that are voted for by the pupils including voting for choice of prizes when awarded whole class / group rewards. Pupils often use their pupil voice to develop the outdoor activities at lunchtime and provide the Governors with a rationale to ensure their views and ideas are considered. For the last two years, members of the school council have visited The Houses of Parliament and participated in a tour and workshops that enable them to have a greater understanding of British democracy.

### **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 the school day and are followed and upheld by our staff, pupils and their families. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from and to authorities such as the Fire Service and the Road Safety team, help to reinforce this message.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make informed 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 the provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE sessions. Pupils are regularly given the freedom to make choices.

### **Mutual Respect**

Our pupils are part of a vibrant and diverse school where all cultures and personalities are valued. As a school, we celebrate multicultural Britain, and ensure that our students are aware of, and enthusiastic about, the incredible range of culture and perspectives that our local community and nation has to offer, which supports mutual respect. The culture of mutual respect is taught through assemblies, PSHE, RE and informal daily discussions. Respect for others and their property is promoted through our classroom rules, as well as our behaviour policy.

### **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

Our school is in an area of cultural diversity, and our school communities reflect this. We promote and celebrate diversity with the children, helping them to understand their place in our society and how they can unite with others to build a progressive and understanding world.

We are a school where the importance of tolerance, understanding and kindness are integrated into every aspect of school life. For example through RE and PSHE, members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge and culture; through assemblies; through focusing and raising money for charities; through the development of pupils to lead and care for one another and through emphasising the importance of knowing about and celebrating each other's differences in order to remove stereotypes and barriers.

Modern British Values are embedded into the daily lives of Woodfield Primary School's learning community and are reflected through everything we do.