

## Promoting British Values at Whitby Heath Primary School

At Whitby Heath Primary School, we believe in and teach our learners about the fundamental British Values of:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

These values are actively promoted through collective worship, our school's Golden Rules and by electing and running our School Ambassadors. They are taught explicitly through Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) and Religious Education (RE). We also teach British Values through planning and delivering our broad and balanced curriculum which includes real opportunities for exploring these values.

British values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

- Democracy is richly embedded within our school. All children in our school have a voice through the School Ambassadors and pupil surveys. The election of School Ambassador representatives for each class (Reception - Year 6) are based on pupil votes.
- Our school behaviour policy, which involves rewards and sanctions, runs through all aspects of school life and is shared with parents and carers.

### **Rule of Law**

- The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, school, or the country are constantly reinforced.
- All children follow the school Golden Rules; these are reinforced regularly throughout the day. Children 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. Links made with our local PCSOs and the Fire Service help reinforce this message.
- To encourage and promote good behaviour, attitude and work we have a whole school team point reward system. Children are awarded team points for following any of the school Golden Rules at any point during the school day. We are also committed to

praising children's efforts (behaviour, achievement and general) through verbal praise and Shining Superstar awards awarded every week during our celebration assembly.

### **Personal Responsibility and Individual Liberty**

- Children are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety and PSHE lessons.
- Children are given the freedom to make choices, e.g. signing up for extra-curricular clubs, volunteering to represent school in sports teams and/or project teams.

### **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 our school community treat each other with respect.
- Respect is a theme running through all of our golden rules.

### **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs (embracing and Understanding the Cultures and Faiths of others)**

- We place a great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children.
- We have very links with the Church and the children will attend visits to different places of worship.
- Assemblies across the year are planned to promote cultural diversity either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures.
- RE and PSHE teaching reinforces tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.
- Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.