



### **British Values Statement**

We recognise the multicultural, multi-faith nature of the United Kingdom and understand the crucial role our schools play in promoting these values. We are a school for all. This statement outlines the key British values we actively promote.

British Values are identified as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

At our schools we are committed to ensuring our pupils develop a strong set of values and principles, and that they question and understand what it means to grow up in British society. We deliver a rich and challenging curriculum which encourages our children to discuss with a mature, respectful and sensitive appreciation for difference and diversity. Diversity present in nature is used at Forest School sessions to encourage a sense of self-respect, respect for one another and for our environment. The ethos of the approach values relationships, builds community and supports resilience, self-esteem and confidence.

We challenge stereotypes and prejudices by celebrating our heritage and unique British qualities. Our geography and RE curriculums teach about global citizenship and the diverse cultures, beliefs and practices which exist within our global community. Respect is a key part of the teaching at our school, running through every aspect of our daily life.

### **How do we encourage an understanding of democracy?**

Children are involved in democratic processes e.g. voting for school councillors and shared rewards. The school councils are led by a member of staff from each school who adhere to democratic processes. We also encourage children to stage 'mock elections' to allow them a voice on national issues such as the EU referendum.

### **How do we encourage an understanding of the rule of the law?**

In both of our schools, we have good links with the local police through the PCSO and Crucial Crew programme. In our daily school life, we ensure an understanding of right and wrong. We have a clearly structured behaviour policy which all stakeholders understand and follow and we regularly review behaviour incidents and share these with key stakeholders. We deliver assemblies which focus on aspects of the law e.g. rights and responsibilities, Safety Awareness and E-Safety.

### **How do we encourage an understanding of individual liberty?**

At our schools, children have key roles and responsibilities, such as Sports leaders, School Councillors, Buddies and Librarians. In many different areas of the school curriculum all children are encouraged to make choices knowing that they are in a

safe and supportive environment. We scaffold the children in this, helping them to learn strategies which will help them to make good, safe choices in the future.



### **How do we ensure mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs?**

Respect for all is deeply embedded within our whole school expectations and is the foundation of all relationships. Through our PSHE curriculum, we teach what mutual respect is, why it is important and how we can emphasise it in our everyday lives.

Our R.E curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures. We have a strong focus on Christian values. We are committed to serving our community and surrounding areas and hold regular coffee mornings to invite local residents to talk with our pupils. We are always keen to diversify the experiences of our children and organise trips to achieve this for example, a visit to the Norwich Synagogue. We also endeavour to create links with other countries to enable children an insight into life within the wider global community for example, our links with Anando Dan in Bangladesh. In our schools, we learn about festivals and celebrations from a range of faiths practised in modern Britain. At Forest School we notice the changing seasons and recognise the cycles within nature, of which we are all a part. We recognise the importance of this in creating respectful, tolerant young people who are ready to thrive in a diverse and multicultural society. Forest School teaches our children:

- Respect for ourselves
- Respect for one another
- Respect for the environment