

## **Promoting British Values at Durley CE (Controlled) 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. At Durley CE (Controlled) Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly through our curriculum and our core Christian values of Love, Respect and Forgiveness in the following ways:

### **Democracy:**

As part of our school ethos, children’s views and opinions are listened to and valued. In addition, pupils have opportunities to have their voices heard through our School Council , Digital Leaders, Junior Sports Leaders, Pupil Conferences (1-1 meeting between pupils and staff to discuss specific topics and share ideas about progress) and Pupil Questionnaires. Elections for School Council representatives are undertaken in each class. We as a school pride ourselves in fostering an environment where children are safe to share differing views.

### **The Rule of Law:**

The importance of rules, for the class, the school, or the country, are reinforced throughout the school day, with our School Code of Conduct, Class Charters (written and agreed by the pupils), Behaviour Policy as well as through our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) programme and daily acts of worship. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws; that they protect us and keep us safe. They learn that everyone has rights and responsibilities and that there are consequences if laws are broken. Visitors from the community help to reinforce this message.

### **Individual Liberty:**

At Durley CE (Controlled) Primary School, pupils are actively encouraged and given the freedom to make choices knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are supported to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence. Vulnerable pupils are protected and stereotypes challenged. Children have key roles and responsibilities and plan for these roles. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely through our online-safety teaching and PSHE lessons. As a school we are dedicated to teaching children about safe and sensible choices which will support them for life. We provide clear and consistent boundaries for children to explore moral issues and the idea of right and wrong. A strong anti-bullying culture is embedded in the school and any form of bullying is challenged and addressed.

### **Mutual Respect & Tolerance:**

Respect and tolerance underpin the ethos of our school community.

At Durley Primary we have three core Christian values of LOVE, RESPECT and FORGIVENESS to support our children on their journey through school and promote respect for differing beliefs, customs, life style choices and points of view. In our school community differences are accepted and celebrated.

Our RE curriculum follows the Hampshire Agreed Syllabus and provides a broad and balanced curriculum of faiths, religions and cultures. As part of our RE curriculum we visit different places of worship and invite people in to school to talk about their beliefs. We promote global awareness through themed weeks and by responding to global issues. Our core values ensure that children are

taught essential skills, values and attitudes in order to contribute effectively to their school community. Staff and pupils are encouraged to challenge prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour. Through the PSHE curriculum children are encouraged to discuss and respect differences between people, such as differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender and differences of family situations. We offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which major religions are studied and respected and global dimension work embedded in many of our curriculum topics. These curriculum topics offer children the chance to reflect on our core values and British values.