



## Promotion of British Values at Purley CE Primary School

### **Preface**

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.”***

### **Democracy:**

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Pupil Council and Pupil questionnaires. Elections for School Council representatives are undertaken in each class. Children are always able to voice their opinions and we foster an environment where children are safe to disagree with each other.

### **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 regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. 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 authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

### **Individual Liberty:**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make 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 advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of challenge, of how they record, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

### **Mutual Respect:**

Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around our Values of being responsible and loving each other. Pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what the mean and how they are shown. The school promotes respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

Purley is a Church of England school where Christian values are promoted but where other faiths and beliefs are encouraged giving pupils an understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. Discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying is supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.