

# British Values at Burton Manor Primary School



We teach pupils about and uphold British Values which are defined by the Government as:

**Democracy** -Respect for democracy and support of participation in the democratic process

**The rule of law** -Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England  
-Support of equality and opportunity for all

**Individual liberty** -Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law

**Mutual respect** -Respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

How these are actively promoted at Burton Manor is by:

- 1) Focusing on and showing how the school's work is effective in securing these values
- 2) Challenging pupils, staff or parents who express opinions contrary to British values

## Democracy

- Teach pupils how they can influence decision-making through the democratic process by voting in house captains, vice captains and class school council members.
- Encourage pupils to become involved in decision-making processes and ensure they are listened to in school through the school council.
- Y6 pupils give speeches to their house to encourage members to vote for them as house/vice captain.
- Class members vote on fellow members to appoint school council members representing different aged pupils across the school.
- Hold 'mock elections' so pupils learn how to argue and defend points of view.
- Help pupils to express their views.
- Model how perceived injustice can be peacefully challenged.

## The rule of law

- Ensure school rules and expectations are clear and fair, linked to our five school values.
- Help pupils to distinguish right from wrong by implementing our behaviour policy .
- Help pupils to respect the law and the basis on which it is made, ie class rules.
- Help pupils to understand that living under the rule of law protects the rights of individuals, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.
- Include visits from the police/community officers in the curriculum.

## **Individual Liberty**

- Support pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self confidence.
- Encourage pupils to take responsibility for their choices as they are in a safe and supportive environment, such as signing up for an extra-curricular activity.
- Encourage pupils to take up positions of responsibility by having different roles according to year group within our school.
- Encourage freedom of speech/internet access through pupil participation, whilst ensuring protection of vulnerable pupils.
- Challenge stereotypes.
- Implement a strong anti-bullying/cyber bullying school culture.
- Implement our school values of responsibility and reflection.

## **Mutual Respect**

- Promote respect for individual differences through PSHE and assemblies.
- Help pupils to acquire an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures and ways of life.
- Implement our school values led by respect of individuals both pupils and adults, celebrated with half termly class ambassador awards.
- Have systems and procedures that promote respect of all members of the school community.

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

- Acquire knowledge and understanding of different faiths/beliefs through a structured programme of assemblies and RE units dealing with customs, practices and celebrations.
- Organise visits to places of worship and develop links with faith communities.
- Challenge prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour and so develop critical personal thinking skills.
- Discuss differences between people, such as faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality and differences of family situations such as looked-after children/careers.
- Understand their place by learning about diversity which is one of Burton Manor's school curriculum drivers.