

Promoting British Values at Wootton Primary School

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Wootton Primary School has a clear and well-publicised vision statement which outlines the shared beliefs and philosophy of the school community. Through all that we do, we aim to ensure that the promotion of clear principles and values is an integral part of our everyday school life, within our curriculum and reflected in our school ethos. The key British values are:

- **Democracy**
- **The Rule of Law**
- **Individual Liberty**
- **Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**

Our curriculum and daily opportunities actively promote these by:

Democracy –

Pupil voice is an important part of our school, with 2 School Council representatives selected from each Key Stage 1 and 2 class, twice a year to sit on the school council. These children speak on behalf of the children, making suggestions to make our school a better place and work within our local community. Voting and choice making is often part of their role, working with small groups, their class and the whole school; to involve as many voices as possible. Through Friday's 'Big Think' children are encouraged to respect one another's opinions and views. Weekly Golden Ticket (pupil conferencing) ensures that all children are able to discuss their work and experiences of school with senior staff and to influence how the school develops and improves.

The Rule of Law –

Children are taught that rules and laws are part of life and they begin to understand that school and class rules are set for good reasons and must be adhered to. The school rules are clearly linked to the Bill of Rights, outlining the rights and responsibilities of all school members. Throughout the year we provide children with opportunities to discuss rules and expectations with visitors from our wider community such as the police, leaders of local churches and school governors; who give clear explanations and stories to teach the children the importance of the rule of law.

Individual Liberty –

We work hard to ensure our children experience a positive culture within a safe environment where choices and freedom is encouraged. Children are encouraged to be independent learners, choosing tasks that will challenge them, giving them learning experiences which determine their own pathway. Through class discussions and Friday 'Big Think', children embrace the freedom of speech; participating with children from all year groups and abilities.

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs –

Across all staff and children alike we ensure that mutual respect is at the core of our school. Our school rules and ethos, based on the Bill of Rights, ensure that children learn to treat each other, their belongings and staff with respect, recalling our vision that everyone has a right to learn and teachers the right to teach. Our curriculum and learning opportunities ensure all major religions studied are respected with a greater knowledge and understanding to develop tolerance of all.