

## Promoting British Values at Polehampton C of E Junior School

Polehampton CE Junior School fully endorses Fundamental British Values as defined by the government: *“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.”*

These values are actively promoted daily through our school ethos, curriculum, system and structures in the following ways:

- Assemblies/Collective Worship
- The electing and running of a successful School Council and Eco-team
- Ensuring that our planning and delivery includes real opportunities for exploring and discussing these values.
- As part of SMSC development
- As part of Global Citizenship

### Democracy

- Each new academic year the children decide upon class rules and the rights and responsibilities associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules.
- The children have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council.
- The election of the School Council members is based on children's votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.
- House captains and vice captains are elected by their houses, with all year 6 children invited to present their manifesto to their house

### The Rule of Law

- The children learn about the importance of rules and laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country.
- The children understand the need for rules and the need to abide by rules for the good of everyone. School and classroom rules reflect, reiterate, promote and reward acceptable behaviour and provide opportunities to celebrate pupils' work and achievements.
- The children develop an understanding of the value and reasons behind rules and laws, how they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when they are broken.
- Special visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce these messages.

### Liberty

- The children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- We educate our children about making informed choices, for example through our E-Safety and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons.
- The children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely.

### Respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

- Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.
- We celebrate diversity by learning about different faiths and cultures and participating in special events and experiences.
- Children and parents share their own faiths and special celebrations in class and as part of whole school assemblies.
- The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.
- Collective Worship is an opportunity for discussion and thoughtful reflection upon sensitive issues including prejudice.  
Governors, regularly speak with children and ascertain their understanding of Fundamental British Values in their monitoring of the school's SMSC policy.

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