



### Promoting British Values at Downsway Primary School

*At Downsway Primary School we value the diversity of backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community. We reflect British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world. We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world. As a school we are expected to promote the fundamental British Values. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and this statement outlines the key British values we reinforce.*

Democracy	The Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect	Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs
<p>Democracy is common within the school. Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and questionnaires. Elections for School Council representatives are undertaken in each class. Children are always able to voice their opinions and we aim to foster an environment where children feel safe to disagree with each other and respect other's points of view.</p>	<p>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. Children 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. In addition, we also have a behaviour policy, which all stakeholders understand and follow. Our school rules and expectations are clear, fair and regularly promoted. Pupils are always helped to distinguish right from wrong, in the classroom, during assemblies and on the playground.</p>	<p>Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a secure environment and an empowering education. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through how they express themselves, making friendships, participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, children are given the freedom to make choices. Pupils also have key roles and responsibilities in school. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviour and our pastoral support reinforces the importance of making the right choices. Vulnerable pupils are protected and stereotypes challenged. An anti-bullying culture is embedded in the school and any form of bullying is challenged and addressed.</p>	<p>Part of our school ethos and behaviour policy has revolved around our Values such as 'Respect', and children have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. The school promotes respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.</p>	<p>This is achieved through enhancing children's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. We celebrate special festivals of other religions and faiths through our assemblies and learning in the classroom. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. We offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which all major religions are studied and respected.</p>

**Our Values at Downsway Primary School**

<b>Aspiration</b>	<b>Tolerance</b>	<b>Self-Belief</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Curiosity</b>	<b>Co-operation</b>
<i>Dreaming big, aiming high, working hard to achieve goals</i>	<i>Respecting, accepting and embracing others</i>	<i>Believing in and valuing yourself</i>	<i>Learning to make good choices and understanding the importance of honesty</i>	<i>Showing enthusiasm, asking questions, imagining and exploring</i>	<i>Listening, supporting and sharing</i>

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