

## British Values

'British Values' are an intrinsic part of our ethos and school culture and we have a strong emphasis on Children's Rights.

The Government has stated that British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

Our School Code covers aspects of respect, responsibility and being ready to learn and these clearly underpin British values. They are reinforced regularly through the relationships, language and attitudes in school as well as through many practical opportunities:

Democracy: Article 12 (UNCRC) states that 'children have the right to have a say in matters that affect them'.

School has a well-established school council and system of democratic elections and Pupil Voice is a strength of the school

The Rule of Law: Article 41 (UNCRC) states that 'if the laws of a country protect children better than the articles of the Convention then those laws must stay in place'.

School teaches children that everyone, children and adults alike are to be given respect. Adults are the duty bearers to ensure that children can access their rights and therefore must be respected as Article 3 states that 'adults must act in the best interests of the child'. As a core School Principle, respect is built into everything we do and say.

Individual Liberty: Article 2 (UNCRC) states that 'The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from'.

School had an inclusive approach where all children are recognised as individuals and their individual potential is 'grown'.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance: Article 14 ( UNCRRC) states that 'every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practice their religion as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights'.

Assemblies and Collective Worship teach respect for all, R.E. lessons teach children about other faiths, children visit places of worship of other faiths,

School has a reputation for its involvement in local, national and global celebrations and events, such as;

- Remembrance Weekend, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of King James' Bible, London Olympics 2012, Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014 and many charitable activities.