



## Promoting British Values at Park Hill Primary School

The DfE have recently reinforced the need "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."

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated this year (2015/16). At Park Hill these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### Democracy

All children vote for their class representatives who sit on the School Council. The School Council meets every month with Mrs Bailey. The council has its own agenda and is genuinely able to effect change within the school. Recently at Park Hill we worked with the English Speaking Union (ESU) to deliver debating skills linked to the role of Parliament in everyday life in Britain.

### The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Park Hill.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our Golden Rules and link with the school behaviour policy. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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 and Fire Service help reinforce this message - these visits also take place during our Summer Fair.

### Individual Liberty

At Park Hill, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through PSHE/Jigsaw lessons. The school has also worked closely with Police to deliver e-safety to pupils and parents.

### Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values and school ethos. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. One of our School Rules reads: we will treat everyone and everything with respect.

### Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Park Hill promotes diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, PSHE lessons and assemblies reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.