



# **British Values Statement**

## **Abbotsford Preparatory School**

At Abbotsford Preparatory School, we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We ensure that British Values are introduced, re-enforced, and are integral to the ethos of our school. They are evident throughout our PHSE teaching and also in the school environment, with children taking an active role in promoting these values.

Children embrace British values with enthusiasm. They are keen to understand, and are respectful of the beliefs of others. They are proud to contribute to the life of the school in many ways, for example through acting as house captains, school council representatives or playground leaders.

### **Democracy**

Democracy is at the very heart of school life. Children understand the school rules and are often involved in creating their classroom rules, discussing why these are important. Children are encouraged to share their ideas through the school council. Each class from year two upwards have a suggestion box and two elected school council members to attend council meetings where these suggestions are shared and discussed. The voice of all pupils is important and we value the opinions and ideas of the children.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they govern the class, school or the country are reinforced daily, and are referenced when dealing with behaviour so that the children understand the situation and its consequences. The laws which govern our behaviour are explained and discussed in many PHSE sessions and assemblies, re-iterating their importance to the children. Responsibilities and consequences associated with these laws are explained, preparing and equipping children for life in the wider world.

In the latest school inspection, it was noted that:

“Pupils’ moral awareness is excellent. Their behaviour is exemplary, and they have a mature sense of right and wrong which is nurtured by a caring family atmosphere within the school and through discussions in PHSE lessons.”

“Pupils’ social development is excellent and they willingly accept responsibility as prefects, house captains, school council representatives, playground leaders and class monitors. They are proud to contribute to the society of the school.”

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school life, children are encouraged to make choices. At school we provide a supportive environment and educate the children so that they can make these choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms in a safe and supportive environment. These freedoms and choices are explored in PHSE lessons.

### **Mutual respect**

Mutual respect is fundamental to our school, and is promoted in PHSE teaching, assemblies and through dealing with children’s behaviour. Children are encouraged to think from the view point of others, and to treat others how they would like to be treated. Good manners, respect and politeness to all members of our school community are expected and rewarded through the house points system. Children are encouraged to celebrate the successes of others. We celebrate extra-curricular achievements in Friday’s celebration assembly from both within and outside of school. Children

are also encouraged to praise each other within the classes, and we have recently introduced compliments boxes in the classrooms.

The latest independent school's inspectorate report noted:

"The pupils are self-confident and show respect for themselves and for one another"  
Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs.

During the latest inspection, it was observed that:

"Pupils' cultural development is excellent. They learn to understand and respect other faiths and cultures during R.E lessons."

We celebrate the diversity of different faiths and religions in R.E teaching throughout the school. Children are keen to learn about the customs and beliefs of others, and enjoy developing their understanding of the similarities and differences between faiths. We welcome members of our school community such as parents to come in and share special celebrations with us.