

## Promoting Fundamental British Values

In accordance with The Department for Education we aim to actively promote British values in schools to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law.

The Key Values are:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

### **Democracy.**

Children are listened to and are taught to listen carefully to others. Children are taught to respect the right of individuals to have their voices and opinions heard. They are taught to discuss issues in a balanced and calm way. Each year the children review the school rules and class charters to ensure that they are still relevant. The school council meets regularly and discusses issues raised in class or as a whole school. Each council member is voted for by their own class. Children have regular questionnaires where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

### **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 Deer Park Primary School. Pupils are taught from an early age the value of the school rules. Children are taught the value and the reason behind the rules and the laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibility this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as local councillors, Police and the fire service help to reinforce this message.

### **Individual liberty.**

At Deer Park Primary School, children are actively encouraged to make the right choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. Children are expected to take responsibility for their own actions and to understand the consequence their actions might have. We educate and provide boundaries for children to enable them to make informed choices. The understanding of rights and responsibilities are promoted through acts of collective worship, e safety and PSHCE.

### **Mutual respect.**

Mutual respect is a core value at Deer Park Primary School. 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.

### **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.**

Deer Park Primary School is situated in an area that is not greatly, culturally diverse. The school recognises its role in preparing children for life in modern Britain. We actively promote celebrations of different faiths and cultures. The religious education syllabus is the agreed Derbyshire syllabus. Through RE and personal and social education we reinforce messages of tolerance and respect.

### **The curriculum.**

Staff regularly review the curriculum to ensure that it promotes the areas above. It also ensures that pupils are taught about key events and figures in history. Events during the year celebrate culturally diverse occasions and memorable events taking place in the country. At Deer Park Primary School we will actively challenge children, staff or parents who express opinions that are contrary to fundamental British values including extremists views.