

## **British Values Statement – St Matthew’s C of E Primary School**

St Matthew’s C of E Primary School and Nursery is committed to serving its community. We recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith nature of the UK and understand the important role our school plays in promoting British Values.

The DfE has reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

Outlined below are some of the ways these values are promoted at St Matthew’s.

### **Democracy:**

- Children are involved in democratic processes such as voting for School Councillors who represent their class at School Council Meetings.
- Children are given opportunities to vote on shared rewards for half termly class attendance prizes and Golden Ticket winners.
- Children vote for Classmates of the Year.
- Children complete an annual questionnaire where they can put forward their views about the school.
- Children are given a platform to express their views by making suggestions for improvements to the school in the School Council boxes.
- Children are involved in judging prizes e.g. Library Competitions.

### **Rule of Law:**

- A clearly structured behaviour policy is in place which all stakeholders understand and follow.
- Behaviour incidents are reviewed in school and shared with key stakeholders.
- Assemblies are held to reinforce the importance of school rules and everyone’s collective responsibility to uphold them.
- Assemblies are delivered with a focus on the law e.g. Safety Awareness and E-Safety Awareness.
- Educational visits are made by the fire and police services
- The drugs awareness programme SPICED is delivered to children

### **Individual Liberty:**

- Children have key roles and responsibilities in school, such as Register Monitors, Milk Monitors, Buddies, assembly Technicians and Librarians.
- Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe environment.
- Children are provided with boundaries to make choices safely.
- Children are encouraged to express and justify their views in class discussions.
- Children may participate in extra-curricular activities.

- Children learn about political campaigners and influential characters in history through assemblies and in Black History Month.

**Mutual Respect:**

- The PSHE and RE curriculum embodies values of mutual respect and understanding.
- Respect is embedded within the application of our behaviour and anti-bullying policy.
- Assemblies are held on the theme of respect.
- Children take part in competitive sport where they play fairly and show respect to opponents.
- Buddies support other children in dealing with conflict, promoting friendship and modelling good behaviour.

**Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs:**

- The RE curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures. At St Matthew's there is a strong focus on Christian Values.
- Children visit places of worship.
- Members of different faiths and religions are invited into school.
- The PSHE curriculum embodies tolerance of others.
- Children learn about festivals and celebrations of a range of faiths practiced in Modern Britain.