

# **PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES**

## **Northgate Primary School**

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At Northgate we uphold and teach 'British values.' They are fundamental to school life and are developed through our curriculum. We believe that these values prepare our pupils to be good citizens and for life in modern Britain.

#### **Mutual Respect**

Our School Code and our school ethos is based on one of our core values 'Respect'. As one of our assembly themes and within PHSE lessons, children develop an understanding of what this means and how it is shown. It is reiterated by how we work within classrooms. 'Respect' is core to our Behaviour Policy, which includes aspects such as restorative justice.

#### Democracy

Democracy is embedded within the school. The children learn to listen to all views and debate arguments for and against. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council and pupil questionnaires. The election of House Captains, Vice Captains, and School Council are based solely on pupil votes. Children are encouraged to get involved e.g. as part of our Learning Powers eg teamwork tiger and our takeover day.

#### The Rule of Law

The importance of rules are consistently reinforced throughout our school day and children are helped to understand them. Our School Code and Behaviour Policy are reinforced through school assemblies and when dealing with behaviour. Pupils are taught that they are responsible for their own behaviour. Pupils are taught the difference between right and wrong and that rules protect us. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service, etc, are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

#### Individual Liberty

Though our values and our Learning Powers, we promote self-knowledge, self-esteem and selfconfidence. Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it be through choice of challenge in lessons, or of participation in our extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. We model freedom of speech in a peaceful manner eg writing to our MP over pollution.

#### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. In assemblies, RE and PSHE we discuss differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender and families. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. These issues are regularly covered in our theme weeks and days such as Black History Day, Anti-bullying week.