



## **The Littletons CE First School**

### **Teaching British Values**

#### **Promoting British Values**

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 (2014). At The Littletons School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

#### **Democracy**

We encourage children to develop independence, make good choices and contribute towards the life of the classroom and school. Each year the children decide upon their class name and class rules and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the rules. We have a pupil voice which meets regularly to discuss issues that are current in school. The pupil voice is able to effect change within the school. Children have an annual questionnaire 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 The Littletons School. Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school, our class rules, playground rules and e-safety procedures. They 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. We encourage them and support them in developing self-control and to consider the feelings of others through our school values and our positive behaviour management. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

#### **Individual Liberty**

At The Littletons School, 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 our 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 our e-safety and PSHE lessons.

#### **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. 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. We encourage children to take part in school and community events and we celebrate their achievements both in and out of school. We celebrate special events from faiths other than Christianity, and visit different places of Worship. We encourage all children to play alongside each other and respect one another’s wishes and points of view.

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

We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons, PSHE lessons and Worship reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths