

## **Promoting British Values at Shoreham Village School**

We acknowledge that 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, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

We believe that the ethos, culture and values of our school support and reinforce these British values. We work actively to support pupils to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to **‘learn today for tomorrow’s world’** in life in Modern Britain.

### **Democracy**

Pupils have the opportunity to express their views and opinions through class and school councils as well as through other voting opportunities such as House Captain and other posts of responsibility, awards and prizes. They are consulted each year in a range of questionnaires to gather their views, ideas and experiences. In our curriculum they learn about the democratic process in our country. They are encouraged to be reflective and questioning learners.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of, and need for, rules is consistently reinforced in class and around school both for behaviour and for learning. There is a clear reference to how rules govern and protect us, the responsibility on all for making them work and how there are consequences for breaking the rules. They are taught about ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ and explore the challenges that they can face in doing the right thing including dealing with peer pressure.

### **Individual Liberty**

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices within a safe and supportive environment. They are reminded of the need to think about not just their ‘rights’ but also their ‘responsibilities’ and to think about how their individual choices may affect others. Within the curriculum, PSHE and assemblies often offer an opportunity to look at personal choices but also this occurs across and beyond the planned curriculum.

### **Mutual Respect**

Trust and justice are at the heart of our school’s values and are reinforced within class learning and assemblies to emphasise the need to value each individual, their views, their beliefs and their lifestyles. The school is an inclusive community. No discrimination is tolerated within school.

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

Our pupils are supported through the whole curriculum, through RE and through assemblies to develop a growing understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We are particularly aware that we need to support our pupils in a mainly white British school to experience a society and world that is much more diverse than their daily lives.

**We believe that no child in our school can fulfil the school motto of ‘learn today for tomorrow’s world’ without clearly demonstrating the values above in school and in their daily lives**