

# Promoting British Values at Lawley Primary School

At Lawley Primary School we agree with the Department for Education's five part definition of British Values:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We believe it is incredibly important that these British Values permeate through every school in the country. At Lawley Primary you will encounter these values throughout our everyday school life and, in particular, through our promotion of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural understanding and through our school values - Happiness, Courage, Respect, Friendship and Responsibility.

Below is just a snap shot of how we promote these values in our school community:

## Democracy

Pupil voice plays a big part in life at Lawley Primary School. Our School Parliament plays a strong role in our school; they are democratically elected by their class peers and are involved in making Lawley Primary School a better place to learn.

Pupil questionnaires and interviews are also conducted throughout the year. We know that the formation of the School Parliament and the active participation of our pupils will sow the seeds for a deeper understanding of democracy in the future.

## The Rule of Law

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want them to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country; they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to. This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum.

The involvement of our pupils in the creation of the school rules helps them to understand the reasons behind rules and the consequences if rules are broken. Our School Parliament and Children's Safeguarding Panel, which are both pupil led, provide pupils with the responsibility to make mature choices about suitable consequences for the negative behaviour of their peers. We allow opportunity to debate and discuss the reasons for laws so children can recognise the importance of these for their own protection.

Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including the police, war veterans, the fire brigade and many more. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the Rule of Law for our pupils.

## **Individual Liberty**

We invest a lot of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so that children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged. In lessons we encourage children to choose appropriate ways of tackling problems and tasks giving them more freedom to determine their own learning.

We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests. Through our E-Safety and PSHE sessions, we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms, as well as supporting them in recognising how to exercise these freedoms safely. At Lawley Primary School we believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.

## **Mutual Respect**

Our school mission is to provide an environment in which every child can be cared for spiritually, morally, socially, culturally, intellectually and physically, allowing everyone to be the best that they can be!

Our school has a growing number of different languages and ethnic groups and our pupils learn together with absolute respect for each other. Mutual respect is at the core of our school life.

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

We offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which all major religions are studied and respected. Parents and leaders of different faiths are welcomed to the school to share their beliefs, while we also visit numerous places of worship. At Lawley Primary School we strongly believe that tolerance is gained through knowledge and understanding. Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future.