

## **Promoting British Values at Leigh Beck Infant and Nursery Academy**

The DfE have 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 2011, and these values were reiterated in 2014.

At **Leigh Beck Infant Academy** we aim for our children to become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

We have a School Council with members from representing every class across the main school. These children have election campaigns and are voted for by the whole school. The Council meets regularly and in the meetings the children's views and ideas on a range of school issues are sought and they help make decisions. The council members add to their class council book and feedback to their classes. They also collect class views which they bring to their meetings and are involved in fund raising for the school. We regularly hold votes in the classes to gather opinions. Our Reception Classes hold a class vote every year to decide upon the animals they will adopt for the year.

### **The Rule of Law**

Children are taught from the beginning the 'values' of the school. Pupils are taught the importance of and reasons behind our school 'values', the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when the 'values' are not upheld. Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the academic year and these are displayed in every classroom as a visual reminder. We have a variety of rewards when children keep the 'values' including golden time, golden tickets, raffle ticket draw and star of the week. These show children our values are special and in keeping them they will be rewarded.

## **Individual Liberty**

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Making choices is key part the way we want children to learn and of the school vision, which children learn about through assemblies and PHSE work. Through our work we discuss different choices that the children can make and encourage them to make the right choices. We look at Online safety as a key part of the Computing curriculum and the importance making safe choices when online. Our school's Forest School provision allows children to make choices alongside calculated risks to build up their understanding of personal choice.

## **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make to the school. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. The children and staff often work with other schools in our Multi Academy Trust, across Canvey Island, and with the local Church which develops their respect for others in the wider community.

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

All different faiths and beliefs are explored and celebrated through assemblies, RE sessions and a variety of visitors into school. The children are taught that people have different faiths and beliefs and that these should be accepted. Children within our school with different faiths are encouraged to share their practices and special celebrations. Our school also has a link with the Local church and we have a visiting minister who regularly does assemblies for us.