

## Promoting British Values at Bisley & Oakridge

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 the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister. At Bisley & Oakridge these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

- **Democracy**

Democracy is an important part of life across the school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. The elections of these class representatives, House Captains and daily decisions are based on pupil votes.

- **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the police and fire service etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

- **Individual Liberty**

Within 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 young pupils to make choices safely, through of provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons, pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

- **Mutual Respect**

Part of our school ethos and Behaviour Policy has revolved around Core Values such as 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom rules, as well as our Behaviour Policy.

- **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. Assemblies and Circle Time involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying take place and are supported by RE and PSHE.