

# British Values Statement - Abbey School



At Abbey School we uphold and teach pupils about British Values which are defined as:

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs
- Participation in Community Life.

We encourage admissions from all those entitled to education under British law regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status. We are a school for all.

This is a statement to outline the key British values we actively promotes

## Democracy

- School council is nominated through an election in each class.
- Pupils have their voices heard through school council and the Listen-up project.
- Pupils can nominate other pupils and staff for a special mention in praise assembly.
- When this occurs a text message is sent home to parents.

## The Rule of Law

- Pupils are rewarded for following the school rules.
- They are encouraged at all times to promote good behaviour to others.
- Rewards are in the form of stickers, certificates, prizes pupils have saved for, special assembly mentions.
- Visits from authorities such as the police, fire service etc are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.
- 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.
- Children are asked to identify which aspect of the school rules they have broken to ensure that this connection is made and understood.

## Individual Liberty

- Pupils are actively encourages to make choice at our school, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.
- We provide boundaries for our pupils to make choices safely through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum.
- Pupils are encourages to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely. A good example is the e-safety teaching.
- Pupils are given the freedom to make choices e.g. lunchtime clubs, food at break and dinnertimes, vocational and enterprise learning lessons.

## Mutual Respect

- Our school ethos and behaviour policy are based around the core value of respect.
- We teach our pupils to respect the many diverse faiths and beliefs that we have at Abbey and to embrace everyone's differences.
- We look after each and the environment around us.
- We respect others opinions sand beliefs

## Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

- Explicit work on pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse Rotherham through work in the community.
- Collective Worship and discussions involving prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and PHSE.
- We use opportunities such as the Theme days, C