

## East Tilbury Primary School BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT



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.”

Actively promoting these values means challenging pupils, staff or parents/carers who express opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including ‘extremist’ views. East Tilbury Primary School takes opportunities and is committed to promoting these fundamental British values and as part of the St Clare’s Co-operative Academy Trust link our own Co-operative values in the following ways:

### “Self-help Self-responsibility Democracy Equality Equity Solidarity”

#### **Democracy: Co-operative value - Democracy**

Pupil voice, as well as parent/carer voice, plays a central part in developing school improvement priorities and children have many opportunities to voice and express their opinions. The school is clear in demonstrating how pupils should contribute and co-operate and consider the views and needs of others. The School Council members are elected through a democratic process and meet regularly, taking part in decision-making on a range of topics. Children regularly respond to display questions around the school that focus on expressing their views. The enquiry based curriculum encourages pupils to have an input into what and how they learn and involves opportunities to discuss democracy and examples of it in society.

#### **The Rule of Law: Co-operative value - Self-help & Self-responsibility**

Staff consistently reinforce high expectations of pupils. Whenever appropriate, pupils are taught the value and reasons behind these expectations (rules), that they are there to protect us, everyone has responsibility and that there may be consequences when rules are disregarded. The children engage with the process of creating law when setting up the classroom rules; these are displayed in each classroom. They are allowed healthy debate in class to encourage recognition of the importance of law.

#### **Individual Liberty: Co-operative value - Equality & Equity**

Within school, everyone is actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. The school provides pupils with opportunities to learn about what makes a good choice. Pupils are encouraged to express their views and teaching and learning incorporates their preferences and interests. SEAL assemblies are used to encourage the children to think deeply about the choices they make and the impact these may have upon others. The outcomes of this are displayed on a half termly basis.

#### **Mutual Respect: Co-operative value - Solidarity**

At East Tilbury Primary School values of respect and tolerance permeate all areas of school life. This engenders a climate within which pupils feel safe and secure and facilitates the fulfilment of potential. All staff demonstrate respect to everyone with whom they come into contact. They consistently model and promote the behaviours and attitudes that are the foundation of positive relationships. The strong school ethos encourages everyone to consider and support each other and to celebrate the worth and individuality of every member of the school community.

#### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: Co-operative value - Equality**

The school’s curriculum aims to develop understanding of the world. The RE, PSHE and SEAL schemes of work provide opportunities for pupils to develop tolerance of and empathy towards those from different faiths, beliefs and cultures. Regular theme weeks such as Multi Cultural week, International Day of Peace and Remembrance Day encourage reflection on events that develop a tolerance and understanding of others.