

# PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT TOTTENHALL INFANT SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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, 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 in 2014. At Tottenham these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

## DEMOCRACY

- Pupils vote for representatives on the school council termly
- Pupils are encouraged to share their views about how the school can be improved
- Pupils contribute towards decision making and school policy
- Through drama and PHSE pupils discuss issues around fairness, equality etc
- School assembly themes are important for highlighting issues around democracy rights and responsibilities (appreciation, co-operation, freedom, democracy, hope, courage and respect)
- At Tottenham we promote the motto “Be the Best You Can Be”. The values of this programme, self responsibility, self awareness and resilience, are taught throughout our curriculum and are embedded within the ethos of the school which is central to developing pupils’ spiritual, moral and cultural awareness

## THE RULE OF LAW

- Rules are consistently reinforced at Tottenham
- Whole school and class rules are an important part of the school ethos and support us to promote a harmonious and happy environment where all pupils feel safe
- Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school
- Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind school rules and laws
- Pupils are clear about the consequences if rules are broken in our school

## INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

As Tottenham 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 your pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering curriculum.

- We promote our schools anti bullying policy through PHSE, drama and school assemblies
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through circle time and the school PHSE curriculum
- Pupils are continuously advised on how to exercise their personal freedoms safely through the school e-safety programme and PHSE curriculum

### **MUTUAL RESPECT**

Mutual respect is at the heart of Tottenham ethos and values. Pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

### **Ethos and Values we promote through our Golden Rules**

- Be kind and thoughtful to each other
- Be willing to apologise and to forgive
- Listen to all school adults and children and do what is asked
- Care for all things in school and look after our belongings
- Try our best at all times
- Keep safe

### **TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS**

Tottenham is a richly diverse school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious educations and PHSE lessons reinforce message of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

- Our school curriculum consistently encourages educational visits to different places of worship. Last year the pupils visited a Mosque, Synagogue and Christian Church