

Dilkes Academy – British Values

We recognise the diversity within our multi-cultural society and ensure that British Values are embedded within our ethos and curriculum. The teaching of British Values is integrated through the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) learning that takes place across all curriculum areas. We promote democracy, individual liberty and we celebrate major world religions. (Tolerance, rule of law).

We ensure *Democracy* in a number of ways including:

- ✓ Our School Council promotes the democratic process - pupils nominate and vote for their representatives within the School Council
- ✓ Pupils are encouraged to voice their opinions in formal and informal ways
- ✓ Pupils create and adhere to their code of conduct and school values
- ✓ Pupils and parents are regularly given a voice through surveys, and the results of those surveys inform aspects of the School Improvement Plan
- ✓ We promote our school through participation in local sporting competitions, parent evenings and exhibition days.

We ensure *Individual Liberty* in many ways including:

- ✓ Pupils have key roles and responsibilities within the school
- ✓ Pupils are encouraged to respectfully express their views and beliefs
- ✓ Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example, through our PHSE and E-Safety lessons.
- ✓ Pupils have the opportunity and are encouraged to take part in a broad range of extra-curricular activities (irrespective of gender, belief, disability or race) without discrimination
- ✓ Our RE and PSHE curriculum provides pupils with a broad and balanced understanding of world religions and promotes respect for the beliefs of others and the dangers of discrimination
- ✓ Respect all faiths, beliefs and individuals of the LGBT community
- ✓ Pupils know who to speak to if they are worried or concerned about themselves or others, e.g. safeguarding officers, teachers, inclusion team staff
- ✓ Pupils are provided with boundaries which encourage them to make safe and thoughtful choices

We celebrate major world religion festivals throughout the year

- ✓ Our staff is representative of our school community
- ✓ Our School Values are compatible and supportive of all religious morals, ethical principles and human rights
- ✓ We provide resources to ensure that all pupils are effectively integrated into the teaching and learning process and the wider school community, including those that join at different starting points and those who have English as an additional language
- ✓ All members of the school community treat each other with respect and model this in behaviour with colleagues and pupils
- ✓ Pupils work in teams, share ideas in public and show respect for other pupils' opinions during class discussions, assemblies, concerts, school council and class forums
- ✓ Pupils work together in different groupings and situations in different lessons and subjects and environment
- ✓ All pupils have the opportunity to participate in live productions, assemblies and presentations throughout the school year.

