



## **Promoting British Values**

The DfE has identified a 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 DfE document "Promoting Fundamental British Values in SMSC" November 2014.

At Ladywood School, pupils are given the opportunity to acquire a broad general knowledge and develop a respect for public institutions and services in Britain through a rich programme of focussed curriculum activities, assemblies and whole school events. These include, for example Royal Weddings, Jubilee celebrations, Saint George's Day and Commemoration of WW1.

At Ladywood School British values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss suggestions for improving the school environment. Members of the school council are voted for by their peers.

Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school. Using a range of supportive communication systems each pupil at school is given the opportunity to have a voice and comment on their experiences. These comments are recorded in the pupil questionnaires and during each pupil's annual review.

## **The Rule of Law**

At every opportunity, pupils are taught the expectations and rules of school in ensuring safety, order and fairness. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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 help reinforce this message.

## **Individual Liberty**

At Ladywood, 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 our pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

## **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect and an appreciation of individual effort is at the heart of our values. Children 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.

## **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

At Ladywood School we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and SMSC and PSHE lessons reinforce messages 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. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.