



# British Values Statement

Busill Jones Primary School

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### Promoting British Values at Busill Jones Primary School

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.**"

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in 2014. At Busill Jones Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

#### Democracy

We have a School Council with members from all classes in Key Stages One and Two. The Council meets regularly with Miss Hargreave (teacher with responsibility for the School Council), the Head teacher and with a school governor. The aim of the meetings is to seek the children's views and opinions on a range of school issues. The council members feedback to their class and sometimes they collect class views which they represent at the meeting. The council has its own budget and is able to effect change within the school. Every child on the school council is voted in by their class.

Through our curriculum, children are taught about and encouraged to respect public institutions and services. We do this by inviting into school a range of visitors from the local community as well as visiting places in the area, such as the Hindu Mandir and a Christian Church.

#### The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Busill Jones Primary School. Visits from authorities, such as the Police and Fire Service, help reinforce this message.

Children are taught from an early age the rules of the school. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind our school rules, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when rules are broken. Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the academic year. For more information, please read our school Anti-Bullying & Behaviour Policy in the Policies section of our website.

## **Individual Liberty**

Busill Jones Primary School 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 young 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 advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE work.

We have a robust anti-bullying culture with behaviour and safety policies in place. Please see the Policies section of our website.

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

Mutual respect 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.

We provide opportunities for the children to visit places of worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school.

The school supports a variety of charities each year and plans fundraising and awareness-raising activities to support those charities, for example McMillan, The Big Feed, Birmingham Children's Hospital.