



## Promoting British Values at Grasslot Infant 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.”

At Grasslot Infant School we aim for our children to become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs in the following ways:

### Democracy

We have a School Council with members from Year Two. These children are voted for by their peers in Key Stage 1. The council meets regularly and in the meetings the children’s opinions and ideas on a range of school and community issues are sought, and they help to make decisions. The council produce posters and letters for events and fundraising in school. Children regularly vote in classes for shared rewards/ class stories.

### The Rule of Law

Children are taught from the beginning the ‘values’ of the school. Pupils are taught the importance of and reasons behind our school ‘values’, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when the ‘values’ are not kept. Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the academic year. We have a variety of rewards for children who adhere to these values. Assemblies and Visits from the local community police officers and fire fighters help us to reinforce these rules.

### Individual Liberty

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. The children learn about making choices through assemblies and PSHE lessons. We discuss different choices that the children can make and encourage them to make the right choices. The children are given encouragement and support to express their own personal interests, aspirations and goals. We look at Online safety as a key part of the curriculum, and the importance of making safe choices when online. Children know who they can speak to if they are worried or concerned.

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

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make to the school. 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. Different faiths and beliefs are explored and celebrated through RE sessions, assemblies and a variety of visitors into school. The children are taught that people have different faiths and beliefs and that these should be accepted. The school also supports a variety of charities each year such as Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need, which we plan fundraising activities for.