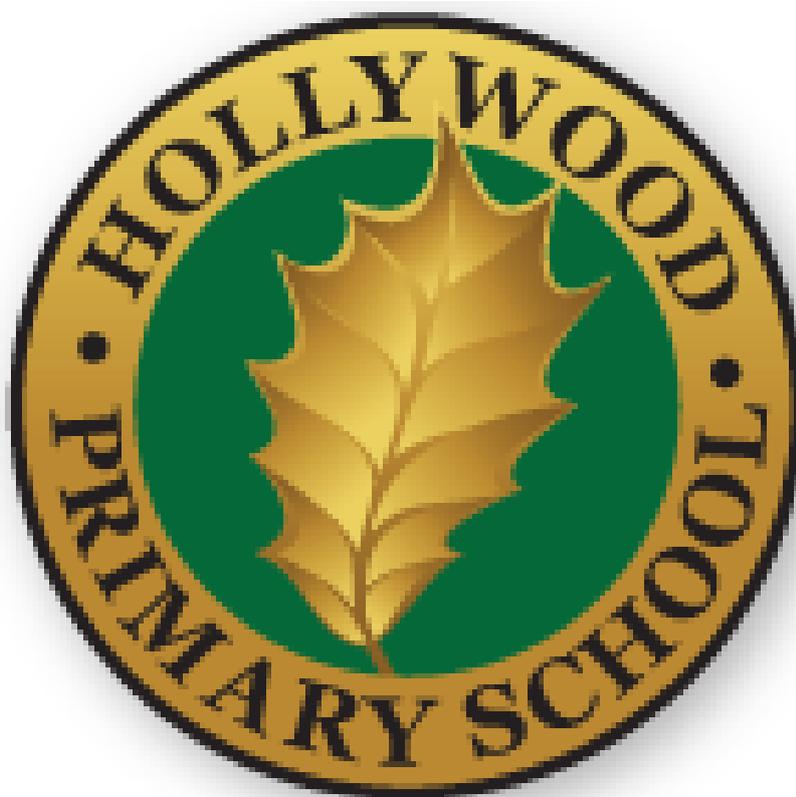


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## Hollywood Primary School



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### **Introduction**

This policy sets out what British Values means to our school. It defines what actions we take to promote British Values and also how we deal with any incidents are contrary to this. The policy explains how we monitor and promote British Values within our school and how this is an exemplification of the values we uphold. The school strives to ensure that the culture and ethos of the school is one in which, whatever the heritage and origins of members of the school community, everyone is equally valued and treats one another with mutual respect.

### **Aims:**

- Ensure that children understanding the meaning of the Rule of Law
- Ensure that children learn the values of democracy
- Ensure that children learn that every individual is of value regardless of race
- Ensure that no child is made to feel unwelcome or inadequate in our school
- Educate our pupils to play a positive part in our multicultural society
- Develop an understanding of citizenship
- Develop relationships between all children inclusive of those from other countries and communities
- Develop an understanding of their rights, the rights of others, and their responsibilities to each other
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and practices
- Recognise and challenge discriminatory attitudes and behaviour
- Develop emotionally and intellectually

### **Roles and responsibilities**

Hollywood Primary School understands the importance of promoting British values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum.

The Headteacher will ensure that all teachers and staff are aware of the requirement to uphold British values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.

Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, the fundamental British values.

Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

## **Democracy**

At our school pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard through pupil questionnaires, pupil interviews and the pupil-elected Pupil Voice.

The Pupil Voice meets regularly to discuss issues raised within school. This council has its own budget and is able to affect change within school. The council members are made up of children from Year 2 to Year 6. Members are elected annually and voted in after canvassing.

Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

Children have many opportunities to voice and express their opinions.

## **The rule of law**

Our school has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Our pupils are involved in the creation of school rules to help develop this understanding.

At our school pupils are taught these values and the reasons behind laws, whether they govern the class, the school or the country, that are essential for their well-being and safety. Pupils are allowed healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law.

Our school organises visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service, throughout the academic year in an effort to reinforce the reality and importance of this message.

## **Individual liberty**

At our school we foster a safe and supportive environment where pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for pupils to make choices safely through the provision of a safe learning environment. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.

As a Rights Respecting School, pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on e-safety and PSHE lessons.

## **Mutual respect**

Respect is one of our school's key values. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. 'Care for everyone and everything' is one of our Diamond Rules and all members of our school community are encouraged to treat others with respect.

Treating others with respect is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy, our Rights Respecting School status and posters throughout the school promoting mutual respect.

### **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

Our school acknowledges that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.

Throughout the year, assemblies are held focusing on bullying, with reference to prejudice based bullying, and discussion is encouraged.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is supported by the RE and PSHE curriculum. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

We encourage pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning.

Pupils are encouraged to become aware of the dangers resulting from lack of tolerance, which can lead to extremist behaviour.

### **Discrimination**

Discrimination of any kind is not tolerated in our school. Our school celebrates diversity and in the interests of all children the school will encourage positive appreciation of diversity.

Throughout the year the diversity of our school and wider community is recognised in a range of ways, including religious festivals, through our Rights Respecting Schools work, and curriculum subjects such as PHSE and RE. The school will take robust action against discrimination and abusive behaviour.

### **Staff training**

At our school staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British values and will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.

### **Review**

This policy will be kept under regular review and amended as appropriate to reflect any changes to regulations or improvements required to ensure its continued effectiveness.