



## WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY FOR BRITISH VALUES

Magdalen Gates Primary School and Nursery

<b>Formally adopted by the Governing Board of:-</b>	<b>Magdalen Gates Primary School</b>
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This policy is available on our school website and is available on request from the school office. We also inform parents and carers about this policy when their children join our school and through our school newsletter.

The policy is provided to all staff (including temporary staff and volunteers) at induction alongside our Staff Code of Conduct.

### **Promoting British Values at Magdalen Gates Primary School**

The Department for Education states that there is 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 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 by the Prime Minister in 2014. At Magdalen Gates Primary School and Nursery these values are reinforced regularly in class sessions and in school assemblies. They are also taught and role modelled in the following ways.

#### **Democracy**

Democracy is embedded at the school. Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Pupils also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Parliament, pupil surveys and parent teacher meetings. The elections of the School Parliament members are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

#### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced. Each class meets to discuss the rules that they wish to have in their classroom. These rules are discussed and debated and reinforced in a consistent manner. Our pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

#### **Individual Liberty**

Within 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 our pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in our e-safety and P.S.H.E. lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge; of how they record; of participation in our numerous extra- curricular activities; our pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

### **Mutual Respect:**

The pupils know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of Respect at Magdalen Gates Primary School and Nursery underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

### **Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs**

Our core value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Magdalen Gates Primary School and Nursery enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies; P.S.H.E.; Personal Development; our broad curriculum and welcoming visitors. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths. Beliefs, traditions and customs will be studied in depth, with visitors being invited in to our school to enrich and extend understanding. Through this our pupils gain an enhanced understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.

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