

## **PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT HOLT COMMUNITY 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.'

At Holt Community Primary School, we aim to regularly reinforce these values in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through regular School Council Meetings. Elections for School Council Representatives are carried out each year and are based solely on pupil votes. School Council representatives are given the opportunity to feedback to their class and for issues to be debated. A noticeboard devoted to School Council issues contains information and the minutes of all School Council Meetings.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the school day, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws; that they govern and protect us; the responsibilities required in following laws; and the consequences when laws are broken. HCP Behaviour Policy clearly highlights the rules we must follow in school and the consequences when these rules are broken. Rules are visible throughout the school and with the introduction of PATHS this year the children have learnt about the importance of the Golden Rule and this is now displayed throughout school.

### **Individual Liberty**

At HCP, pupils are actively encouraged to make informed choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment, which allows them to make these choices safely. For example, whilst pupils are encouraged to make their own choices in using the internet, we place considerable emphasis on providing extensive E-safety learning. Pupils are given freedoms to make choices about how they record their work, where they spend their lunchtimes and in joining extra-curricular clubs.

### **Mutual Respect**

Our Behaviour policy and school values highlight the importance we place on respect and how it is shown. Pupils are encouraged to recognise how respect is shown towards one another, as well as towards adults in the school. Adults in school model respect for pupils, whilst assemblies, PSHE and PATHS lessons reinforce why and how respect is shown.

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

This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudice and prejudice-based bullying have been supported by learning in RE and PSHE. Traditions and celebrations form part of the assembly programme and we have a weekly "Open the Book assembly" held by the local parish church. We celebrate many different cultural festivals and each year we hold a multi-cultural event.