

# Butlers Hill Infant and Nursery School



## British Values: A Parent and Carer Guide



At Butlers Hill school we take pride in promoting the fundamental British Values throughout school. By doing this, we are preparing our children for life in modern Britain and helping them to become confident, caring and respectful citizens.

The British values are taught through the school curriculum, particularly through our RE and worldviews lessons, and embedded through daily routines too. The values are a prime focus of whole school assemblies and discussions.

The 5 British Values are:

- Rule of Law (rules keep us safe)
- Democracy (we all have a say)
- Individual Liberty (be yourself)
- Mutual respect (kind words, kind actions)
- Tolerance (we all belong)

## Rule of Law

School rules are clear and consistent throughout the year groups and children know that these are in place to keep them safe and to ensure all pupils are treated fairly.

In school we have:

- An agreed behaviour policy which outlines behavioural expectations and consequences
- Clear behaviour systems throughout school
- Values which include responsibility and children know they are responsible for their own choices



## Democracy

At Butlers Hill we try to make decisions through voting and fair class discussions so that the children feel a part of the journey. We encourage children to share their opinions and ideas and teach them that their voice matters.

In school:

- We have several opportunities for class discussions and debates
- We have voting systems that allow the children to have their say (e.g. book votes)
- School council elections and discussions
- Pupil questionnaires

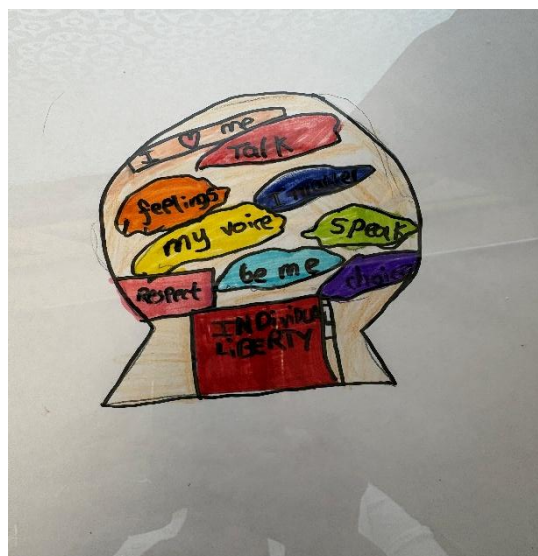


## Individual Liberty

At Butlers we ensure children know their rights and encourage them to express themselves in a respectful manner. We encourage children to make their own choices safely and responsibly.

In school:

- Children can make their own choices in learning and have opportunities to voice their thoughts and opinions
- Children are encouraged to have confidence in themselves
- Children participate in e-safety to learn what is right and wrong in day-to-day technology



## Mutual respect

Respect is not only one of the British Values but one of the key values at Butlers Hill also. We value listening to each other through our oracy rules and respect each other's opinions and beliefs. We teach children the importance of kind actions and kind words.

In school we see:

- Team work and working collaboratively with everyone
- Respectful behaviour in class and around school
- Celebrations of achievements



## Tolerance

At Butlers Hill every single person belongs no matter their culture and belief. We celebrate diversity within school, the community and the wider world.

In school:

- Children have explicit RE and worldview lessons to teach them about different religions and traditions
- Experience days and visitors from different cultures
- Friendly discussions and debates



## Assemblies

At Butlers Hill, assemblies help children to better understand and develop their knowledge of British Values, alongside our own school values and aims.

On **Tuesdays** the children take part in an assembly, led by Mrs Hallam, that will be linked to our school values or the British Values. The assemblies also highlight key events and dates celebrated world-wide.

Each **Wednesday** the children take part in our No Outsiders assemblies. These assemblies highlight important world topics and how they link to the protected characteristics (please see the other document).

We also aim for an assembly led by our local church every half term. This will involve stories around certain morals and values.

Every **Friday** we hold a celebration assembly in which children receive awards and special mentions for their determination and hard work that goes above and beyond our school and the British Values. We also hold a Gold Book assembly once each half term in which parents are invited to celebrate their child's achievements.