

# Wood Lane Primary School



## TEACHING BRITISH VALUES

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## **Promoting British Values at Wood Lane Primary School and Nursery**

The DfE have recently 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.”*

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated this year (2014). At Wood Lane these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter.

We have a student council which meets every week with the Assistant Head to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. The council has its own budget and is genuinely able to effect change within the school. Every child on the student council is voted in by their class.

Children have an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced at Wood Lane.

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school. These are our Golden Rules, Playground Rules and Safety Rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message. Through the PE curriculum, after school clubs and regular sporting events which the children take part in, they are taught acceptable behavior and conduct conducive to good sportsmanship.

### **Individual Liberty**

At Wood Lane, 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 young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety and PSHE lessons.

## **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. 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. The first of our Golden Rules reads: I will be respectful and polite.

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

Wood Lane is a diverse school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Different faiths and cultures are also taught through literacy, history and geography. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

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