

## Fundamental British Values Statement

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### Actively Promoting Fundamental British Values

At The Manor Preparatory School we uphold and teach those fundamental British values which provide us with the understanding, tolerance and respect for others which we need to become accountable and resilient adults. We aim to develop the children's skills and knowledge so that they may thrive both as happy individuals and responsible members of society.

In November 2014 the DfE published guidance on actively promoting British values in schools:

- To ensure young people understand the importance of respect and leave school prepared for life in modern Britain
- To help independent and state-maintained schools to understand their responsibilities in this area

*The DfE requirement of November 2014 is that schools must:*

- *Actively promote Fundamental British Values and the various principles within the SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) inspection standard*
- *Encourage respect for democracy and law*
- *Encourage respect for others, especially paying heed to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act. These include age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion and belief/lack of belief.*

Schools must have a clear strategy for embedding these values and show how their work with pupils has been effective in doing so. We must challenge opinions or behaviour which do not reflect these values. The government has defined extremism in the Prevent Duty 2015 as the "vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values."

We believe that these fundamental British values must be at the core of all that we do within The Manor community. Staff, parents and children are working together to promote them.

### Fundamental British Value: Democracy

We listen to all views

We debate arguments for and against

We get involved

We express our views peacefully

We vote and respect the result of the majority

### **Fundamental British Value: Rule of Law**

We make sure rules and expectations are clear  
We know the difference between right and wrong  
We know rules protect us  
We respect the rules

### **Fundamental British Value: Individual liberty**

We are responsible for our own behaviour  
We challenge stereotypes and bias  
We are an anti-bullying school  
We promote self-knowledge, self-esteem and self confidence  
We model freedom of speech in a peaceful manner

### **Fundamental British Value: Respect and tolerance**

We promote respect  
We have respect for our own and others' cultures  
We discuss differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender and families

### **At The Manor we aim to ensure children have:**

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision making through the democratic process
- an understanding that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their well-being and safety
- an understanding that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary, and that while some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through parliament, others such as the courts maintain independence
- an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and challenging discrimination.