



BRITISH VALUES

The DfE has 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 in 2014. At Cowling Community Primary School, these values are reinforced through the curriculum, embedded into assemblies and in the daily life of the school.

Democracy

Cowling School believes in the rights and responsibilities of all children. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard and elections are held for positions such as the School Council.

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 day to day life of the school, as well as reinforcing positive behaviour. 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. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message and our MP has visited the school to take part in a workshop with pupils.

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 young pupils to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand

and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety work, the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of school life and children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community aim to treat each other with respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Cowling School celebrates difference. Class based learning and Assemblies are regularly planned with the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHCE and school curriculum as a whole promotes quality teaching and learning that reinforces tolerance and inclusion. 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 and we have well established links with the neighbouring Anglican and Methodist churches.

At Cowling we will challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to these values, including 'extremist' views.