

"For we are the handiwork of God, born in Christ Jesus to do good works that God has pre-planned for us to do" Ephesians 2:10



### St Stephen's CE School's British Values statement January 2020

At St Stephen's CE School we take great pride in promoting a range of British Values. The Government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and these values have been reiterated once again through the new National Curriculum which was developed in 2014.



British Values can be defined into 5 areas:



#### · Democracy-



At St Stephen's school all adults listen to the children's views and value their contributions and opinions. There are further opportunities to develop pupil voice through school council, play buddies, reading buddies, eco council, class librarians, worship leaders, house captains and reflection time.



### **The rule of law-**

The importance of rules and laws are regularly reviewed and reinforced throughout all areas of school life. Pupils are encouraged to set their own class rules and taught the need for rules and laws, responsibilities that accompany them and consequences when rules and laws are broken. We have visits from the PCSO, NSPCC, Child action NW and the Fire Service to reinforce messages around the rule of law. Through our behaviour policy, pupils understand rewards and sanctions and 'dojos' and house points are used effectively. Dojos are shared with parents and children look forward to finding out the winning house in Thursday's worship assembly.



### **Individual liberty-**

Our pupils are encouraged to be reflective, independent learners who make informed choices in a safe and caring environment.



General safety and online safety is taught within Computing, circle time and PSHE lessons but in all areas of the curriculum. We seek to build up and encourage one another, celebrating our (lunchtime)VIPs weekly and praising those in the Golden Book. In worship assemblies we teach the children about the rights of the child and our children are so keen to help and support charities home and overseas.



## **Mutual respect-**

Respect is the R in our school ethos acrostic ASPIRE. Our children understand the need for and value to respect themselves and others. Children are also encouraged to respect property and this is taught as part of our circle time, RE and PSHE curriculum. Through PE, competitions, festivals, sporting events and leagues we promote wider community respect and enjoyment.



## **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs-**

As a voluntary controlled school, our Christian roots are so important, as are our links with St Stephen's Church. We are also proud of our culturally diverse community and therefore committed to ensuring everyone feels respected and valued equally regardless of ability, gender, faith, race, heritage or race. We are so fortunate to have strong links with our local Muslim & Hindu communities. We were delighted to be graded outstanding in our last SIAMS report and we are proud to teach and learn about many of the world faiths and also those reflected in our local community. We celebrate many festivals and have an enrichment day for Diwali, Easter and Eid where we encourage the children to do some deeper learning about other faiths and beliefs.

