

# Rakegate Primary School



## British Values Policy

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## Statement of intent

At Rakegate Primary we ensure the fundamental principles enshrined in British Values are actively promoted and are embedded within the curriculum.

The Department for Education states that there is a 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”.**

This policy sets out the framework in which Rakegate Primary School will ensure that our curriculum and ethos provides opportunities for all pupils to integrate British Values into their learning and experiences and so help enable them to become valuable members of society who treat others with respect and are able to effectively and fully engage in life in modern Britain.

These values are officially taught through the Religious Education (RE) and Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and are further nurtured through the school's ethos and promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) understanding.

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**Signed by:**

**Headteacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair of Governors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy will have consideration for the following:

- Ofsted, School Inspection Handbook, 2015.
- DfE, Improving the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, 2013.
- Prevent Strategy 2011
- DfE Guidance (2014)

1.2. This policy is carried out in conjunction with our following other policies:

- Anti-Terrorism Policy
- Behaviour Policy

## 2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1. Rakegate Primary School understands the importance of promoting British values through a comprehensive and unprejudiced curriculum. An audit of how British Values are delivered is regularly reviewed to ensure that all values are effectively promoted.

2.2. The Headteacher will ensure that all teachers and staff are aware of the requirement to uphold British values through the methods outlined in this policy, and will ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place to carry out these methods.

2.3. Teachers and support staff will ensure that their lessons are inclusive of, and sensitive to, the fundamental British values.

2.4. Pupils are expected to treat each other and staff with respect, in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

## 3. Democracy

3.1. At Rakegate Primary School pupils have numerous opportunities to have their views heard through, for example, pupil questionnaires and the pupil-elected school council that meets regularly and whose suggestions and

ideas are valued. Our pupils are encouraged to have an input into what and how they learn to instil an understanding of democracy for their future.

#### 4. The rule of law

4.1. Rakegate Primary School has a high regard for the laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Our pupils are involved in the creation of school rules to inspire them with this understanding.

4.2. At Rakegate Primary School pupils are taught these values and the reasons behind laws, whether they govern the class, the school or the country, that are essential for their well-being and safety. Pupils are allowed healthy debate in class on the matter to encourage recognition of the importance of the law.

4.3. Rakegate Primary School organises visits from authorities throughout the academic year to reinforce the reality and importance of this message.

#### 5. Individual liberty

5.1. At Rakegate Primary School we foster a safe and supportive environment where pupils are actively encouraged to make choices. Whether it is choosing a challenging task or an extra-curricular club, pupils have the freedom to base their choices on their interests.

5.2. Pupils are taught about their rights and personal freedoms and are encouraged and advised on how to exercise these safely, for instance through our teaching on e-safety and PSHE lessons.

#### 6. Mutual respect

6.1. Respect forms a core pillar of Rakegate Primary School's ethos. Pupils are treated with respect and learn to treat each other and staff with respect.

6.2. This is reinforced through our Behaviour Policy and posters throughout the school promoting mutual respect.

## 7. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

- 7.1. Rakegate Primary School acknowledges that tolerance is achieved through pupils' knowledge and understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and the opportunity for pupils to experience such diversity.
- 7.2. Throughout the year, assemblies are held focusing on bullying, with reference to prejudice based bullying, and discussion is encouraged.
- 7.3. Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is supported by the RE and PSHE curriculum.
- 7.4. We encourage our pupils from different faiths or religions to share their knowledge with their peers to enhance their learning.

## 8. Staff training

- 8.1. At Rakegate Primary School staff are made aware of their responsibilities in terms of British values during their thorough human resources induction.
- 8.2. Staff will be offered the opportunity for further training on upholding the British Values Policy.

## 9. Review

- 9.1. This policy will be kept under regular review by the Headteacher and amended as appropriate to reflect any changes to regulations.