

## **BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT**

### ***Teaching British Values***

Promoting British Values at Shortstown Primary School.

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 by the Prime Minister this year (2014). At Shortstown Primary school these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

#### **Democracy**

We listen to children’s and parent’s voices. Our school Behaviour Policy is clear that children are expected to contribute and co-operate, taking into account the views of others.

#### **The Rule of Law**

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules) that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

#### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

#### **Mutual Respect**

Part of our School Ethos and Behaviour Policy has revolved around Core Values such as ‘Respect’ and children are modelled this by caring, sharing and listening to others. Staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others.

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

We aim to enhance children’s understanding of different faiths and beliefs by celebrating a range of festivals throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to wear traditional costumes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/carers to participate and support our events together as a harmonious community.

At Shortstown Primary, embedded in everything we do, is our determination to develop empathy and understanding to make everyone at our settings feel valued and respected.

**“Be safe, be happy and learn”**