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Lane Green First School

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Achieving

Promoting British Values at Lane Green First School

The DfE have 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 this year (2014). At Lane Green First School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

The school council meets regularly to discuss issues that affect our school and community. Every child on the school council is voted in by their class. School council members meet regularly and feedback on discussions to their classes.

Children are regularly asked for their opinions and feedback through daily discussions, school council meetings, and as part of school monitoring and evaluation systems (e.g. pupil interviews etc).

Teachers model and invite children to share in the democratic process and embed this through the curriculum and organisation of school life.

All parents, carers and children are invited to share their views on school and community issues and are offered a number of means through which to do so, including questionnaires and parent meetings.

The Rule of Law

Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school and also agree class rules. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind rules and 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, e.g. December 2014 Police Cadets Scheme.

Pupils are taught that rules are applied consistently to all and that we are all expected to follow the Lane Green First School Rules which are positive statements about the community we want our children to learn and thrive within.

Individual Liberty

At Lane Green First 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 informed choices. 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 and PSHCE work.

Lane Green First School has a zero-tolerance to bullying policy and any disputes, fall outs or upsets are taken seriously, dealt with swiftly and investigated fully. Behaviour and Safety policies support our children to be independent and responsible.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

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

Our Religious Education and PSHCE curriculum teaches children about other faiths and cultures and provides children with opportunities to learn from as well as about the communities that make up Britain.

At Lane Green First School we actively celebrate and encourage the sharing of diversity and want our children to value similarities and differences within our community.

We provide opportunities for children to visit places of cultural interest and of worship. We also encourage visits for a range of communities and organisations into school.

Children are encouraged and regularly support charities and plan fundraising and awareness raising activities to support that charity.