



# **PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AT ROXETH MEAD SCHOOL**

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The DfE stresses 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 were reiterated in 2014. At Roxeth these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

- Each year the children discuss class rules and the rights associated with these (age appropriate). All the children are encouraged to contribute to this and talk about the importance of everyone playing a part in this.

### **The Rule of Law**

- The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Roxeth.
- Pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school and the reasons behind rules and laws i.e. that they govern and protect us. Children are also taught 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.
- The rules are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as in assemblies.
- At Roxeth we have 4 STAR Rules as follows:

#### **S**elf-control

**T**ake responsibilities for our actions

**A**lways follow instruction

#### **R**espect

These are displayed around the school

### **Individual Liberty**

- At Roxeth, 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, through a safe environment and an empowering education.
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our online safety and PSHE lessons.

### **Mutual Respect**

- 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 are encouraged to treat each other with respect.
- The last of our STAR rules is Respect.

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

- We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures.

At Roxeth we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including ‘extremist’ views.