



## Eling Infant School and Nursery British Values Statement

At Eling infant School and Nursery we actively promote British Values as part of our spiritual, moral, social and cultural curriculum (SMSC). British values are defined by the government as the following:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Actively promoting also means challenging children, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views. At Eling our core values are based on rights, respect and responsibility and our school community understands that everyone has the right to be safe, listened to and to learn. In our school, pupil voice plays an integral part in shaping the future of Eling's children's views and ideas are sought on a daily basis as part of our curriculum. The following are a selection of activities that are evidence of our commitment to British Values.

- We have a school council whose ideas and opinions are shared at 'meetings' with the headteacher and other staff
- We have a broad and balanced curriculum (including Philosophy for Children), that teaches elements of democracy, civic responsibility, rules and laws, the monarchy, equality, values and virtues, environmental awareness and understanding of other faiths at an age appropriate level
- We have a positive behaviour policy which encourages tolerance and mutual respect founded on the values of rights, respect and responsibility
- Opportunities for children to vote democratically, for example when deciding what playground equipment to buy and other school decisions
- We have an SMSC policy which sets out what we hope to achieve

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