

**Jesmond Gardens Primary School**

**British Values Policy**



**Date Implemented – September 2017**

**Date of next Review – September 2019**

## Our Vision

**To be world-class leaders of learning,  
life changing for each and every learner.**

## Our purpose

**Nurture curiosity**

**Cultivate enjoyment**

**Inspire success**

## Our Promises

**Be nurturing:** A parent's most precious gift, entrusted into your care.  
To be looked after as if they're your own.

**Be aspirational:** Somewhere between exceptional and phenomenal  
should do it! Expect it of yourself, our children and our community.

**Be inspiring:** Create that buzz, promote curiosity ... help children find  
their niche.

**Be generous:** Make the time to say thank you, to laugh out loud, to be  
honest with one another, and to help others wherever we can.

**Be professional:** You're someone who is an expert in their work,  
someone who can point the mirror at themselves and demand 'How  
can I get better?' In short - all a success at all we do.

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 last year (2014). At Jesmond Gardens Primary School, these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways.

### **Democracy**

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meet regularly to discuss issues raised in class council meetings. The council has its own budget and is able to genuinely influence change within the school. The school council is representative of every year group in school and all members are voted for by their peers.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies.

Children contribute to the making of their own unit contracts where they promise to follow rules that will enable their classes to be happy, friendly and safe places to learn.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us and the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from the Magistrates in the community, the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

School has a link PCSO who often calls into school to discuss local issues with the children.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise them safely – through lessons such as PSHE, circle time and E Safety.

Whether it be choice of learning, how they record, their participation in extra-curricular activities – pupils are given the freedom to make choices.

### **Mutual Respect**

‘Respect for all’ is one of our school key values. Children learn their own behaviours and attitudes have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of our school community treat each other with respect.

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

Jesmond Gardens Primary School is situated in an area of little cultural diversity. Therefore, we place a great emphasis on promoting and celebrating diversity with our children. Assemblies are regularly planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHE and circle time lessons reinforce this.

Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children are given opportunities to visit places of worship that are important to different faiths such as our local mosque and church.

At Jesmond Gardens Primary School, we actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views.

Jesmond Gardens Primary School does not see 'Fundamental British Values' as a stand-alone issue – it is part of our much wider SMSC development of our children. British values are part of our everyday culture but, as with many aspects of our school life, we may hold whole school events, which we hope will enthuse the children and allow us to celebrate as a community.