

# Quarry Hill Academy

## British Values Statement

The DfE require that all schools ensure that we *“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.”* Actively promoting these values means challenging pupils, staff or parents/carers who express opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including ‘extremist’ views. Quarry Hill Academy takes opportunities and is committed to promoting these fundamental British values in the following ways:

**Democracy:** Pupil voice, as well as parent/carer voice, plays a central part in developing school improvement priorities. The school is clear in demonstrating how pupils should contribute and co-operate and consider the views and needs of others. The School Council, who are appointed through a democratic process, meet regularly and take part in decision making on a range of topics.

**The Rule of Law:** Staff consistently reinforce high expectations of pupils. Whenever appropriate pupils are taught the value and reasons behind these expectations (rules), that they are there to protect us, everyone has responsibility and there may be consequences when rules are disregarded.

**Individual Liberty:** Within school, everyone is actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. The school provides pupils with opportunities to learn about what makes a good choice. Pupils are encouraged to express their views and teaching and learning incorporates their preferences and interests.

**Mutual Respect:** At Quarry Hill Academy values of respect and tolerance permeate all areas of school life. This engenders a climate within which pupils feel safe and secure and facilitates the fulfilment of potential. All staff demonstrate respect to everyone they come into contact with. They consistently model and promote the behaviours and attitudes that are the foundation of positive relationships. The strong school ethos encourages everyone to consider and support each other and to celebrate the worth and individuality of every member of the school community.

**Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** The school’s curriculum aims to develop understanding of the world. The RE and PSHE schemes of work provide opportunities for pupils to develop tolerance of and empathy towards those from different faiths, beliefs and cultures. As a school, we pride ourselves on the tremendous range of languages and cultures that make up Quarry Hill Academy and actively celebrate the multi-cultural faiths and religions, creating a culture of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.

### Our Core Values

At Quarry Hill Academy, we celebrate and promote the British Values through our own set of Core Values: COMPASSION, RESPONSIBILITY, JUSTICE, HONESTY and RESPECT and constantly refer to these daily in class, weekly assemblies and within our celebration and achievement walls.

These Core Values remind us of what it is that makes a pupil at Quarry Hill Academy and helps us to celebrate our achievements. Our children take great pride in being part of this school and use the shared vocabulary in ensuring that they all demonstrate our core values consistently and naturally in everyday life.