

# Aston Rowant C+E Primary

## Statement on British Values

Aston Rowant CofE VA Primary School is committed to serving its community and surrounding areas. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom, and therefore those it serves. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalization by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

The school, as a Voluntary Aided (VA) Church of England School, accepts admissions from all those entitled to an education under British law, including pupils of all faiths or none. Neither you nor your child need be a Christian or from any other faith group to attend Aston Rowant CofE VA School. It follows the policies outlined by its Governing Body regarding equal opportunities, which guarantee that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. **We seek to serve all.**

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government set out its definition of British values in the 'Prevent Strategy' values of:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty and personal responsibility**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those of different cultures, faiths and beliefs**

### How do we promote British Values at Aston Rowant CofE Primary School?

#### **Democracy:**

- All children are involved in democratic processes e.g. choosing School Councillors, selecting additional rewards and selection of appropriate resources such as playground games.
- School Councillors are elected by peers and have a responsibility to report back the rest of their class.
- Fostering the concept of free speech.

#### **Rule of Law:**

- School Behaviour Policy is shared with all stakeholders.
- Children reflect regularly on their learning and their behaviour during Collective Worship.
- Regular visits from our local community police officers.

#### **Personal Responsibility and Liberty:**

- Children demonstrate a clear understanding of expectation of behaviour.
- School core value of 'commitment'.
- Home/School/Child Agreement on entry to school.
- Values embedded in school practice and displayed around the school.

#### **Mutual respect:**

- PHSE and RE curriculum.
- PSED in Early Years.
- Clear behaviour policy enforced across the school.
- School values of 'Harmony' and 'Outreach'.
- Positive role models are praised and encouraged, pupil – pupil and adult – pupil.
- Collective Worship themes.
- Promotion of 'fair play' in PE and Sport sessions

#### **Tolerance of those of different cultures, faiths and beliefs:**

- Inviting parents to share home cultures in school.
- Equalities Policy.
- Accessibility Plan.
- Religious Education lessons – linked to Oxfordshire Agreed Syllabus.
- Cultural themed weeks and workshops e.g. Diwali, Chinese New Year...
- Collective Worship themes.
- Strong links with community.