Statement of British Values

At Hill Mead Primary School we value each and every member of our school community as individuals and respect their rights and freedom. In accordance with The Department for Education, Hill Mead aims to actively promote ‘British Values’ in class to ensure our students leave school well prepared to be part of modern British society.

We firmly believe, as stated in The National Curriculum in England Framework Document (DfE) 2014, that: “British Values should equip pupils with the skills and knowledge to explore political and social issues critically, to weigh evidence, debate and make reasoned arguments. It should also prepare pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens.”

The government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. These values are:

- democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our well-balanced curriculum promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development that is needed for our students to meet these key values.

Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is ‘right’ and ‘wrong’, all people living in England are subject to its law.

Through these values, our students develop the self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence required to accept responsibility for their behaviour, to show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely.

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