



Jotmans Hall Primary School - March 2019

## BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

In accordance with the Department of Education we aim to actively promote British values in school to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. 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.

Actively promoting these values means challenging pupils, staff or parents/carers who express opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views. Jotmans Hall Primary School takes opportunities and is committed to promoting these fundamental British values in the following ways:

The Key Values are:

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

### **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.

Each class elects a:

- A School Counsellor
- Eco Counsellor
- Digital Leader

to represent their views, ideas and wishes.

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All three Councils meet regularly and take part in decision making on a range of topics and activities.

**The Rule of Law:**

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

The core values of Jotmans Hall Primary School are Effort, Respect, Independence and Communication.

**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 Jotmans Hall Primary School 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.