



St. Nicholas
School

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

**St Nicholas School is working towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award
and promotes rights respecting values in all its policies**



The Governing Body of St Nicholas School formally adopted

This Policy on 9th March 2017

To be reviewed March 2020

Signed

Headteacher

Signed

Vice

Chair of Governors

British values statement

St Nicholas School is required under section 78 of the Education Act (2002) to promote the spiritual, moral, mental and physical development of pupils. As of November 2013, schools also need promote fundamental British values as part of the school curriculum.

St Nicholas School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. **St Nicholas School** is dedicated to preparing pupils for their adult life beyond the formal, examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its pupils.

The DfE has suggested that pupils are taught about fundamental British values during their spiritual, moral and cultural (SMSC) classes. Pupils are expected to display knowledge of the fundamental aspects of British values. The government has outlined their expectations, stating that pupils should:

- Understand the democratic process and how citizens can have a say in decision making.
- Recognise the advantages to living under the rule of law and how law is essential for a safe society.
- See that there is a separation of power and why it exists.
- Understand the reasons for accountability of institutions and why courts maintain independence.
- Know why freedom of religion protects all faiths, as well as those with no faith.
- Accept that people who hold different religious beliefs should be tolerated and not be discriminated against.
- Value the importance of identifying and combatting extremism.

St Nicholas aims to reinforce these expectations when children are able to understand them; as a Rights Respecting School our values reflect these expectations.

St Nicholas School does not have to promote or teach any particular belief, view or way of life that contradicts our outlook or ethos; however, we will not promote discrimination, or accept intolerance against people or groups, on the basis of their belief, opinion or background.