



## Okeford Fitzpaine CE VA Primary School Statement about British Values

### What is meant by “British Values”?

British Values are defined by OFSTED as: Acceptance and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs; pupils develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

Although some people may argue that these values are not uniquely “British” there can be no doubt that they are fundamental to life in Britain and as such they are actively promoted by this school in order to prepare young people for life in modern Britain.

How does our school go about promoting these values?

We believe that the following list exemplifies some of the British Values held dear by British citizens:

- Democracy
- Respect of the rule of law
- Appreciation of the rights of others
- Individual liberty
- The promotion of opportunities for all
- Support for those who cannot, by themselves, sustain a dignified life-style
- Religious tolerance and respect for cultural diversity
- Treating others with fairness
- Participation in community life
- The contribution to, as well as the benefit from, cultural and economic resources.

At Okeford Fitzpaine Primary School, we believe that our vision and values found on the school’s website, makes explicit our fundamental belief in these values. This statement is the foundation of all our work with our pupils

### **'Promoting fundamental British Values as part of SMSC in schools' DfE November 2014**

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