



Little Ilford School - British Values Statement

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Little Ilford School is committed to serving its community. The school embraces the belief that at the heart of a modern ever changing community is the acceptance of key British Values, which it has a responsibility to promote. In doing so, our learners will be able to grow as individuals and citizens within the community and country in which they live.

The school believes that this is something not only achieved through the curriculum but through the school's core values of Courage, Commitment and Compassion, as well as its provision for students beyond formal lessons.

These values of Courage, Commitment and Compassion as well as our school vision statement, '*We promote equality and respect so that we feel safe, looked after and valued*', guide and drive the direction of the school's improvement but are also fundamental in supporting the development of the Fundamental British Values within our setting.

The government defines "British Values" in its "Prevent Strategy" as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty

- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

As a multicultural school, throughout the whole school, the importance of mutual respect is emphasised. Thus, in all lessons and in all aspects of the school life, students are encouraged to respect the views of others, irrespective of whether they differ from their own.

At Little Ilford School, these values are explicitly taught within the PSHE programme, the Humanities curriculum and in assemblies where themes and topics are directly linked to the Fundamental British Values. They are further embraced throughout the school curriculum in its focus on SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development).

In addition to the curriculum that students follow, there are many other opportunities and activities in which students participate and that underpin the promotion of British values.

Our Student Council gives students a role in contributing to the life of the school as a learning community. There are many opportunities for students to do this; as form representatives, the Junior Leadership Team, the Media Team and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to name but a few. Some subjects also have their own subject leaders such as Sports Leaders in P.E, Language Ambassadors in MFL and the Archbishop of York Award in RE and Citizenship.

The school also runs a Duke of Edinburgh award programme giving students the opportunity to develop their own individual skills and talents as well as taking part in the community service element. Through the many sporting activities and clubs such as those in Drama and Music, students have the opportunity to learn and reflect British Values. Little Ilford School sports teams cannot win matches and trophies without understanding and following the rules of sports and without the players respecting each other's skills and abilities. School productions cannot succeed without performers trusting and supporting one another.

The school's Debating Society is another aspect of school life which contributes to the development of British Values. Observing the process and etiquette of formal debating, nurtures in students an awareness of democracy and mutual respect.

No school ever stands still and Little Ilford School is no exception. The school will continue to strive to ensure that its learners leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and make a positive contribution to society.