

# AT TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL, WE ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES:

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## Democracy

The School supports democratic values in various ways - both as part of our school curriculum and in an extra-curricular capacity. For instance, we have an active and dedicated School Council that is comprised of elected representatives from all forms and year groups in the Prep Department. In the Pre Prep, children in Year 2 can opt to stand as a 'Top Bird'; they give a short presentation and all children in the Bird Family vote. Mock elections are held mirroring national votes.

## Rule of Law

In school we have an inclusive behaviour policy to which pupils are held accountable. The School Code of Conduct, "The Town Close Way", has been designed by pupils from Years 2 - 8, enabling everyone to know what is expected of them in school. The School also recognises, through its reward system, those who exhibit high standards in academic, community and extra-curricular areas. In the Pre Prep, children who follow "The Town Close Way" earn tokens for their Bird Family which are counted by Top Birds at the end of the week. We also promote "The Town Close Way" in assemblies and within the classroom.

## Individual Liberty

We believe that all pupils should be given the opportunity to make appropriate personal choices, for example, within our extra-curricular activities programme. Through the House and Bird Family system and through various leadership opportunities, we offer support and guidance to enable children to make these choices.

## Mutual Respect

Inclusion is at the heart of our ethos and we make every effort to support all our pupils and in particular those most vulnerable. We support various charities, the main one each year chosen by the School Council. The School holds firm that bullying, in all its forms, has no place at Town Close.

## Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We aim to ensure that everyone is respected and valued, irrespective of their background, faith or belief. We teach tolerance towards those of other faiths and ensure pupils are aware of the injustices of the past in order to encourage a tolerant outlook for the future. In the Prep Department, this takes place through assemblies, tutor groups, house meetings, PSHE lessons, RS lessons and circle time. In the Pre Prep, much of the teaching and understanding of fundamental British values is covered through class discussions and Bird Family meetings. These happen on a weekly basis and involve children from Reception to Year 2. These groupings are designed to enable children to share and discuss topics across the age-range.

