

SEAHAM TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

At Seaham Trinity Primary School we embrace the Government's definition of British Values:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Respect for those with different faiths and beliefs

As a school, we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain. We value the ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate and explore these alongside other cultures in our country.

We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts. Our cross curricular approach provides excellent opportunities to deepen understanding, developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of our children.

The school makes considerable efforts to ensure children have exposure to a wide experience beyond their local community through, for example, sporting events and a range of visits.

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make individual choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

At Seaham Trinity Primary School, we value the voice of the child and promote democratic processes such as our School Council and Sports leaders whose members are voted for by the children. Ideas and events are planned and discussed with a chance for debate and putting forward points of view.

Children are given responsibility to lead other children in games and activities so that they are fully involved in all aspects of school life. For instance, our older children are play leaders and buddies for the younger children in school. We expect all our children to be good role models for each other, which is encouraged through high expectations of behaviour and good manners.

At Seaham Trinity Primary School, we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views