

# Carew Academy

## British Values Statement



The Department for Education have recently reinforced the need:

***“To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”***

At Carew Academy, British Values are taught throughout the curriculum, but are specifically covered in Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Lessons. Alongside the regular curriculum we have specific events and days that promote British Values, such as our Performing Arts festival and Student Council sessions. As a school we have achieved our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award we are working towards our Therapeutic Teaching Award. We have set up an influential Equality and Diversity group. These programmes are in line with all of the British Values and create a culture and ethos from which our new school vision grew.

Our new school vision is to enable our students to demonstrate our 4 Core values of Ambition; Independence; Resilience and Caring which dovetail and compliment the teaching of British Values.

The areas that pupils explore within British Values are:

### **Democracy**

Pupils have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. There is a Student Council (Pupil Voice) which meets regularly to discuss issues raised by all pupils. Student Council members are voted in by their peers. The Student Council is chaired by the Senior Leadership Team.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws, whether they govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced during the school day, as well as when dealing with behaviour, and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons for having laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from agencies such as the Police help reinforce this message. We work closely with our Schools' Police Officer.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make decisions and choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, and advised on how to exercise these safely, usually through our E-Safety and RSE lessons.

### **Mutual Respect**

At Carew Academy, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Pupils learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and on those of others. All members of the school community

are expected to treat each other with respect. We have achieved our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

School staff and Governors alike place a great emphasis on promoting a tolerant attitude within school. Diversity is celebrated. Assemblies can include stories, music and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance the learning that takes place in lessons. At Carew Academy, we will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including extremist views.

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