

## **British Values**

At New Directions we have agreed PRU values of:

Enjoyment of learning; progress; respect; responsibility; tolerance

The Department for Education state that there is a 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 and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.” The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and these values were reiterated by the Prime Minister in 2014. At New Directions these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways.

### **Democracy**

Democracy is embedded at New Directions. Students are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Students also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our Student Council and regular questionnaires. The elections of the Student Leaders are based solely on student votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action. In addition we take part in LBN’s Young Mayor Elections annually.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern the form, New Directions as a whole, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout our school day, through our assemblies and also when dealing with behaviour in New Directions. We encourage our students to distinguish right from wrong and help students to understand that living under the rule of law protects individuals. Our students are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from the Police, Fire Service etc. also help to reinforce our messages. Our restorative justice approach helps us to resolve conflicts.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within New Directions, students are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a PRU we educate and provide boundaries for our students to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and an empowering education. We support students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence. Our students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely; examples of this can be clearly seen in curriculum and personal learning time. We implement a strong anti-bullying culture and pride ourselves on being Stonewall Champions.

### **Mutual Respect**

At the heart of our ethos is a commitment to our values – a set of core attitudes that we believe contribute to individuals being able to live happy and successful lives within the communities to which they belong. Our values are taught through

assemblies and personal learning time and form a key part of our daily dialogue across New Directions. Respect is promoted across the PRU and it is deeply embedded in all that we do. The students know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small.

### **Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs**

Our core values of Respect and Tolerance ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. We regularly explore tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs in our assemblies, our Personal and Social Development (PSD) curriculum and in personal learning time