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*Pride in myself; Pride in my work;  
Pride in my school; Pride in my community*

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## Glascote Academy

# British Values

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# What are 'British Values' and how do we learn about, and uphold, them at Glascote Academy?

The Department for Education has invited schools to share fundamental British values. We welcome and embrace the opportunity to promote these values and this document sets out the learning that takes place across our Trust. The values are;

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

## Democracy

Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard, through pupil questionnaires and interviews. They are consulted on the rewards which are incorporated into our school behaviour policy and their views are taken into account during curriculum design and when new initiatives or clubs are often considered. House Captains are elected at Glascote Academy through democratic voting in each House at the beginning of the school year after writing an application for the position.

## The Rule of Law

The importance of Law, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country is consistency reinforced throughout the school day as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils 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. The children understand the school's rules and expectations as well as the importance of following rules to keep each other safe. Visits from authorities such as the Police, Fire Service and Street Wardens are aimed to be incorporated into the curriculum.

## Individual Liberty

At Glascote Academy, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely. Our outdoor learning within our curriculum provides children with various opportunities to make choices about adventurous activities in a safe environment including Farm and Forest Areas. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

## Mutual Respect

Glascote Academy has a set of core values for our pupils, parents and staff through the UNICEF rights and responsibilities. Our values are reinforced through displays, newsletters, our website, and in the curriculum when opportunities arise. Children discuss the values as part of collective worship and through PSHE lessons. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and adults throughout the school model, demonstrate, and promote respect for others.

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

We are proud to have a cultural diverse population at our school, where different languages are spoken including Polish, Bulgarian, Russian, Chinese (Cantonese), Pashto, Shona, and Romanian. Collective worship, R.E. PSHE lessons involve learning and discussions around different faiths, religions and prejudices. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within the school. Children have opportunities to visit different places of worship and we invite special guests into school to share their knowledge and enhance learning.

## **British Values**

At Glascote Academy, each class is named following the yearly British theme such as British Counties, British Authors, and British Landmarks etc. The pupils research the theme; Reading Corners in classes are linked to this. During World Book Day we may celebrate the Best of British authors. In addition, our four Houses are patron saints of the UK i.e. St George, St Patrick, St Andrew and St David. Pupils wear a tie linked to the saint of their house. Our displays also celebrate the values children have used to undertake their work e.g. resilience, respect and independence. We value pupil's taking responsibility around the school through being Ambassadors, Student Governors, Wellbeing Champions, Sports Leaders, House Captains, Farm duties, and recycling.