



Co-op Academy  
Broadhurst

# **BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT**

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## Promoting and Supporting Learning about Life in Modern Britain

Our Academy aims to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. We promote fundamental British values through teaching about democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

At Co-op Academy Broadhurst these values are promoted throughout our everyday school life, in particular our promotion of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural understanding underpinned by our Co-op values and ways of being and our Rights Respecting Schools ethos. We believe that our school culture plays an important role in upholding British Values within our strongly multicultural community.

Pupil voice plays a big part in life here at Co-op Academy Broadhurst. Pupil questionnaires are conducted throughout the year. In this way pupils can share their ideas, thoughts and opinions. We have an active school council who are elected using a n election process, an Eco Council and Fairtrade and Learning Ambassadors, all of whom have a say in how our school is run. Our pupils have a voice and input into every big decision we make as an academy.

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their childhood and adult lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws and rules are about being in class, around the school or in the local neighbourhood, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to. This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and through our curriculum.

Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including police, PCSO's and the fire brigade. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the Rule of Law for our pupils. We offer an expanding range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests and these are fully inclusive. Through our Rights Respecting work we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising how to remain safe within society. They also gain an understanding of how life, rules and laws can be different in other countries.

Our school promotes pupils to accept, understand and appreciate differences in those who are in some way different to themselves. In our school pupils learn and play together, with respect for each other. We appreciate each other, no matter what differences may exist. Mutual respect and understanding is at the core of our school life. We are surrounded in modern Britain by endless diversity. So we teach and show our children how to respect and celebrate this enrichment through our culturally rich and diverse curriculum. In RE all major religions are studied and respected. Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate acceptance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who will make a positive contribution to life in modern Britain now and in the future.

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