

# Active Promotion of Fundamental British Values

At Abbotsholme we believe that all pupils have the opportunity to learn and make excellent progress both within and outside the classroom and that the education we provide prepares all our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life in British Society

All our curricular subject matter is appropriate for the ages and aptitudes of the pupils and does not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.

Within the school ethos and the principles of Round Square and our Behavioural Charter, we actively promote these values.

The Behaviour Charter	Round Square IDEALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Integrity</li> <li>• Courage</li> <li>• Honesty</li> <li>• Humility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internationalism</li> <li>• Democracy</li> <li>• Environmental awareness</li> <li>• Adventure</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Service</li> </ul>

The school's PSHCE lessons and our tutorial programmes consistently reinforce these values.

## Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently reinforced. Democracy is one of the Round Square principles. Important decisions in school are made or shaped by a democratic process, including in the election of pupils to posts of responsibility and roles, such as membership of the Boarders' Forum, and the School Council. Democracy is explored in many subjects like PSHE, History, Geography, Business and MFL as well as in assemblies (Chapels), tutorials and via visiting speakers. GCSE Active Citizenship will see students involved in engaging with local/national democracy in their own projects contributing towards their GCSE. Pupils are taken on visits to the Houses of Parliament. We hold a mock General Election with pupils debating the case for and against. Pupils are taught the importance of defending and arguing a view point appropriately and how to listen to all views. We enter two inter-school debating competitions each year, Debating Matters and the Schools Mace.

## The Rule of Law

The importance of laws whether they are those that govern a class, the school or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the day and in school chapels. All pupils as part of the induction process and each September are made aware of the Behavioural Charter, discipline procedures, anti bullying policies and rules that allow for happy co existence in a school. Pupils are taught the values reasons behind the rules and their own responsibilities around the rules. They are aware of consequences when these rules are broken. Our school motto is 'Liberty is Obedience to the Law', which is embedded within the school badge, the Abbotsholme Star.

### **Individual Liberty**

Abbotsholme is a safe and supportive environment where pupils are encouraged to make independent choices. The school provides boundaries and opportunity for its pupils to make choices; they are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety training, in enrichment activities as well as PSHE lessons and tutorials.

### **Mutual Respect & Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

Respect is one of the schools' core principles. Respect for others is at the heart of all we do. Pupils are positively engaged in many charity fund raising activities and these are strong links with local and overseas communities.

Pupils are able to voice their opinions and we foster an environment where pupils have respect for individuality and difference. There are opportunities within tutor time, at prefect meetings, boarding forums and school council meetings where pupils can discuss any issues.

Internationalism is one of the Round Square pillars and the school accepts pupils from all nations. We equip pupils with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and give them opportunities to experience this in the school community via chapels, visiting speakers in lessons and through visits both within the British Isles and overseas.

### **Strategy and review**

All staff are informed of the need to do actively promote fundamental British values within their department. Staff contribute to this through explicit reference in class to the aspects of British values mentioned.

Reference is being made to the active promotion of fundamental British values within department handbooks.

The senior leadership undertakes a policy review in November, to gather and analyse data, to ensure we maintain focus on actively promoting British values and principles.

The proprietor is informed about the importance of fundamental British values and is encouraged to assist in the monitoring of this on their visits.

Reviewed by: Headmaster

Review date: 31 October 2021

Next review: 1 November 2022