



Promoting British Values

Cobham Primary School actively promotes British Values as well as challenging pupils, staff or parents who express opinions contrary to fundamental British Values. Our themes of **TRUST** which stands for **Tolerance, Respect, Unity, Strength and Truth** are the values that we hold dear and actively promote each and every day in school. These values are values from around the world and are integral to many countries, not just the UK.



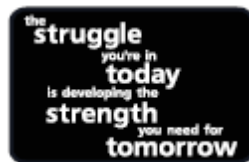
Our children understand that we will not **tolerate** any unkindness, injustice or unfairness within our school, within our local community and the world that we live in. We will show mutual respect and understanding for a wide range of religious values, languages, cultural traditions and different ways of life. Our children know that respect is shown to everyone and everything. Children have learnt and will continue to learn that their behaviour choices have an effect on their own rights and those of others.



Our children will always show **respect** for others and for themselves. The children will value and celebrate being part of Britain. We will celebrate key traditions and customs throughout the year as well as national events as they arise. The children will learn to respect their school environment, local community and the world at large.



Children, parents and the teaching team have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. Democracy & **Unity** is central to how we achieve this. Our school council are elected by making speeches and promises to make the school, community and world a better place to be. The school council meet regularly to discuss issues raised by every class and together in unity, they make changes for the better. The children also discuss key issues in weekly P4C sessions and they know that 'TEAM' – Together Everyone Achieves More makes for a smooth running, well organised and effective school and community.



To have **strength** in who we are and in our beliefs allows us to have individual liberty. We actively promote our children's freedom of speech, through time to talk sessions, PSHE lessons, SMSC discussions, school council meetings, all lessons & assemblies. Children are often provided with choices and the children need inner strength to make the right decisions for them, their peers, their friends, their family and their school. Our children are encouraged to know and understand their rights and personal freedoms.



Our children learn about the importance of **truth**, fairness, rules and how laws govern our school, the local community and the wider world. Our children are taught about the value and reason behind laws, that they govern and protect us as well as the consequences if these laws are broken. This value is reinforced in a variety of ways – positive behaviour, rewards, visits from authorities such as the police and fire services. Members of our own school community with links to the police, law and judiciary system. Our Year 6 visit the Houses of Parliament each year to deepen their understanding of the need for Laws and Truth locally, nationally and globally.