



### Evelina Hospital School statement on the Government's requirement to promote British Values

In 2014 the Government set about defining the foundations upon which British democracy is based. Guidance issued states clearly that:

*'All schools have a duty to 'actively 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.'*

At Evelina we welcome the opportunity to extend our work beyond the remit of academic subjects and to offer an ethos where the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of children is deeply embedded in our practice.

In developing young people as future citizens, we offer opportunities throughout our lessons for children to find their voices and express their thoughts, whether through reflecting on their work, taking part in creative and investigative activities or through more explicit means such as debates, letter writing or following local and national elections.

We are careful to model the kind of behaviour we would like children to have: being respectful, listening to others and being open to new ideas. We take great care to ensure children feel safe and have the satisfaction of knowing they have made progress in their learning so that they can feel accepted and valued as people. We very rarely have any incidents of bullying, but we teach children to keep themselves safe and we intervene quickly if any problems arise.

We are lucky to be able to work with small groups or in 1-1 situations, and in this respect can offer space for children to speak which they may not always have in other settings.

These are some of the ways we help students find their voices:

- Working on oracy with our expert story-tellers
- Singing with a variety of musicians
- Entering into debates
- Completing surveys to tell us about their experience of school
- Asking pupils to reflect on their learning
- Making sure pupils with communication difficulties have ways to show us what they want to say
- Making videos e.g. on the website in the Pupils section you will find 'Interview' and 'Expressing preferences'
- Following elections and imagining policies they would have as candidates e.g. the London Mayoral Election in 2015

We hope our website shows you the many ways SMSC is embedded into our daily work.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/guidance-on-promoting-british-values-in-schools-published>