



British Values Statement

At Ryde School with Upper Chine, we are committed to promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are integral to our ethos and are embedded throughout our curriculum, pastoral care, and school life. These values are aligned with our own core school values of: Respect, Responsibility, Courage and Ambition.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils are of the utmost importance, and our pastoral system is designed to ensure each child receives the support and guidance they need throughout their time with us. We actively promote the development of key skills such as teamwork, communication, and respect in everything they do.

British Values are taught to all pupils and woven throughout the curriculum and are at the core of our Personal Development teaching.

- **Democracy:** We encourage our pupils to engage in democratic processes, such as the election of school representatives and participation in school councils. This helps foster an understanding of shared decision-making and the importance of each individual's voice.
- **The Rule of Law:** We teach the value of laws and rules that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that come with this, and the consequences when laws are broken. Through this, pupils learn to respect and uphold the laws of the School, the local community, and the country.
- **Individual Liberty:** pupils are supported to make informed choices in a safe and supportive environment. We provide opportunities for pupils to develop self-confidence, express their views, and take ownership of their learning and personal development, while understanding that freedom comes with responsibility.
- **Mutual Respect:** Respect for others is at the core of our school community. We expect all members of the school to treat each other with respect, and this is consistently modelled by staff and pupils alike.
- **Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** Our school promotes a culture of inclusivity and understanding. We provide opportunities for pupils to learn about different cultures, religions, and ways of life, and we encourage respectful dialogue and appreciation of diversity. Our on site boarding gives a rich and vibrant international community where pupils can learn about other cultures.

By promoting these values, we aim to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain and to also equip them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to thrive as responsible citizens in a diverse and ever-changing Britain and global world.