## British Values



The government has set out the need for 'British values' to help everyone live in safe and welcoming communities where they feel they belong, whilst ensuring the protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act are respected too.

These values are not unique to Britain but are universal aspirations of equality and are fundamental to helping all children become compassionate, considerate adults who form part of a fair and equal society.

The nine protected characteristics specified in the Equality Act are:

- 1. Age
- 2. Disability
- 3. Gender reassignment
- 4. Marriage and civil partnership
- 5. Pregnancy and maternity
- 6. Race
- 7. Religion or belief
- 8. Sex
- 9. Sexual orientation



