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Make provision about statements related to values of British citizenship in education in England and Wales; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Statements relating to British values for education purposes

- (1) In any statement relating to British values for education purposes in England and Wales, the Secretary of State, OFSTED and any other public authority must include—
 - (a) democracy, 5
 - (b) the rule of law,
 - (c) freedom,
 - (d) individual worth, and
 - (e) respect for the environment.
- (2) Any statement in subsection (1) must refer to British values as “values of British citizenship”. 10
- (3) In subsection (1)(c) “freedom” includes—
 - (a) freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
 - (b) freedom of expression, and
 - (c) freedom of assembly and association. 15
- (4) In subsection (1)(d) “individual worth” means respect for the equal worth and dignity of every person.
- (5) In subsection (1)(e) “respect for the environment” means taking into account the systemic effect of human actions on the health and sustainability of the environment both within the United Kingdom and the planet as a whole, for present and future generations. 20

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Education (Values of British Citizenship) Act 2024.

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