## SUPPORTING OUR VALUES

The following information has been provided by members of our Muslim community to counteract the stereotypical portrayal of Islam that is currently prevalent in British society and to demonstrate that true Islam supports our fundamental values.

## As-salamu alaykum - Peace be upon you

Terrorism has no place in Islam: The Qur'an states, 'whoever kills an innocent has killed all mankind, and whosoever saves the life of one, shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind.'

Who is the prophet Mohamed? (Peace be upon him)

- He defended the rights of all humanity 1400 years ago
- He defended men's, women's and children's rights
- He fostered the love between relatives and neighbours
- He established a co-existence relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims
- He organised the relationship between members of the family; putting duties on sons and daughters towards their parents
- He fought injustice and called for justice, love, unity and co-operation for the good
- He called for helping the needy, visiting patients, love and exchange of advice between people
- He prohibited (by order from God) actions such as stealing, lying, torturing and murder

He changed our lives for the better, entrusting that:

- A Muslim does not steal
- A Muslim does not lie
- A Muslim does not commit adultery
- A Muslim does not drink alcohol
- A Muslim does not cheat
- A Muslim does not kill innocent people
- A Muslim does not harm his neighbours
- A Muslim does not torture humans, animals or even trees
- A Muslim is kind to young and elderly people, to women and to those who are weak
- A Muslim obeys his parents and helps them
- A Muslim loves his wife and takes care of his children and shows mercy towards them until the last day of his life
- A Muslim's relationship towards his children never stops, even when they become an adult.

For these reasons it is believed that every Muslim loves Mohamed (Peace be upon him) more than himself and more than everything in his life and that extremism is far from the beliefs and teachings of Islam.