



## **SMSC – Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Policy**

At Woodlands Primary School we actively promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all our children. This is done through establishing our strong school ethos which is supported by effective relationships and a broad and balanced curriculum within and beyond the classroom.

### **Spiritual Development**

Children are given opportunities to reflect upon the meaning of spiritual experiences. Our school's ethos allows all pupils to grow and flourish, respect others and be respected; accommodating difference and respecting the integrity of individuals.

### **Moral Development**

Our school develops pupil moral development by providing a clear moral code as a basis for behaviour which is promoted consistently through all aspects of the school. Morality is also explored throughout the curriculum. We also promote protected characteristics such as race, religion or belief and disability in a safe learning environment in which pupils can express their views and practice moral decision making. We teach pupils to be aware of their own actions, take responsibility for their own bodies and encourage independence. We will help the children to identify their feelings and think these through so that they are expressed in behaviour that is socially acceptable.

### **Social Development**

At Woodlands we develop pupils' social development by fostering a sense of community, with common, inclusive values which promote protected characteristics. At Woodlands, we encourage pupils to work co-operatively

and to recognise and respect social differences and similarities. We help pupils develop personal qualities which are valued in a civilised society, for example, thoughtfulness, honesty, respect for difference, moral principles, independence, interdependence, self-respect and an awareness of others' needs. Pupils also have opportunities for engaging in the democratic process and participating in community life while exercising leadership and responsibility e.g. school council.

### **Cultural Development**

Our school ensures that pupils are made aware of the diversity of other cultures both within modern Britain and throughout the world. Our school develops pupils' cultural development by encouraging them to think about special events in life and how they are celebrated. We also recognise and nurture particular gifts and talents that the children have; providing opportunities for pupils to participate in literature, drama, music, art, crafts and other cultural events and encouraging pupils to reflect on their significance.