**Lidget Green Primary School British Values Statement**

At Lidget Green Primary School, we are committed to serving our community and celebrate the multicultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of that community. We place a high emphasis on personal development, offering opportunities, guidance and support, so that each child’s educational journey is a positive and enriching experience that will help them make positive choices in their futures.

 We actively promote the fundamental British values of:

* democracy,
* the rule of law
* individual liberty
* mutual respect
* tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

in ways which are appropriate to our pupils’ age and abilities, and aim to achieve this through the effective spiritual, moral and cultural development of our pupils, within a broad and balanced curriculum and a range of extra –curricular activities and through our links with both the local community and the wider world.

We aim to:

* support our pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
* encourage respect for other people, encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes
* teach our pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
* expect our pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour
* encourage our pupils to contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
* enable our pupils to acquire a broad general knowledge of, and respect for, public institutions and services in England;
* seek to develop tolerance and harmony between our country’s different cultural traditions by enabling our pupils to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures and beliefs;

 **BEING PART OF BRITAIN**

As a school, we value and celebrate the diverse heritages of everybody at Lidget Green. Alongside this, we value and celebrate being part of Britain. In general terms, this means that we celebrate traditions and customs in the course of the year, for example secular celebrations at Christmas and Easter, Mother’s and Father’s Days and Remembrance Day. Children attend events in the local community and are involved in maintaining our local Remembrance Centenary Field.

Children also learn about being part of Britain within our Geography, History and R.E. topics.

**DEMOCRACY**

Children, parents and staff have many opportunities for their voices to be heard at Lidget Green Primary School. Democracy is central to how we operate.An example is our School Council. The election of the School Council members reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action: candidates make speeches, pupils consider characteristics important for an elected representative, pupils vote in secret using ballot boxes etc. Made up of two representatives from each class, the School Council meets regularly to discuss issues raised by the different classes.

 Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard.

 Parents’ opinions are sought through methods such as questionnaires and online means such as Class Dojo and Seesaw.

**RULES AND LAWS**

The importance of rules and laws is referred to and reinforced often, such as in assemblies and when reflecting on behaviour choices. At the start of the school year, each class discusses the school rules and class routines, creating a class charter to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves, and the consequences when laws are broken. These values are reinforced in different ways, for example, visits from authorities such as the police and fire service and during R.E. when rules for particular faiths are discussed.

**INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**

Alongside rules and laws, we promote freedom of choice and the right to respectfully express views and beliefs. Our pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are taught how to exercise these safely, for example, in PSHE lessons.

**MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS**

Lidget Green Primary School serves a culturally diverse community and we are proud to promote and celebrate our different backgrounds and beliefs. We place a high emphasis on each child’s personal development and, as such, provide the children with guidance and support so they are able to make their own positive choices in life. Children learn that their behaviour choices have an effect on their own rights and those of others. Tolerance, politeness and mutual respect are valued highly; all members of the school community are encouraged to treat each other with respect. Visitors often comment on the warm and friendly atmosphere in our school and how well behaved and polite our children are.

We work to develop the skills our pupils will need to be able to live and work alongside people from all backgrounds and cultures. This will be particularly necessary in a future technology will continue to make the world a smaller place. Children develop an awareness and appreciation of different cultures and viewpoints through our commitment to a ‘Global Dimension’ that runs through our curriculum.