# **Loatlands Primary School – British Values Statement**

#### Overview

Loatlands Primary School is committed to serving the local community of Desborough. We recognise the multi-faith nature of Northamptonshire and the United Kingdom and value and celebrate the diverse traditions and cultures of different faiths as well as celebrating British traditions.

At Loatlands Primary School we aim to nurture children with the skills and qualities to strive for excellence and flourish in a modern world. We aim to grow together as a 'school family' to develop lasting learning partnerships and respect of others.

As part of our school values we strive to be at the heart of the global community and to show respect, acceptance and tolerance for others.



# Mutual Respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Our RE curriculum provides a broad and balanced education which reflects a range of faiths, beliefs and cultures. Children are encouraged to be reflective about their own beliefs and to have an interest in and respect for the faiths, feelings and values of others. Mutual respect is at the heart of our school ethos.

Our wider school curriculum provides many additional opportunities to develop children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs, for example through SEAL and 'Philosophy for Children' lessons. Our assembly themes include important religious days and religious stories from many faiths, including Christianity. We celebrate different cultures in Europe and across the world and embrace the differing cultures of children in our care.

### **Individual Liberty**

At Loatlands Primary School we educate and guide children so that they can confidently make safe and considered choices within a supportive environment. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons.

Through our 'Empowering Learning' curriculum, children learn and practise the many skills they will need to flourish in the modern world, including how to be resourceful, enquiring, reflective and independent. They also learn how to work as part of a team and how to contribute to their school and wider community.

#### Rule of Law

We have a clearly structured behaviour policy which is followed by all staff. Children understand why following school rules is important and the consequences of not making the right choices. Children also follow agreed E-Safety rules.

The importance of country wide law is taught regularly through assemblies and by visitors to school, for example members of the local PCSO team and HMP: Manchester. Children learn why law is important and that they are there to govern and protect us, the personal responsibility that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

## Democracy

Children are involved in the democratic process through annual School Council and House Captain elections.

The School Council is led by a member of staff and adheres to democratic processes including the taking of minutes and reporting actions to the whole school. School Council members are also responsible for their own budget.

Our parents are able to share their views through parental questionnaires and feedback following school events.