



## **Woodside Academy Trust British Values Statement**

**We promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**

**Our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural provision (SMSC), our broad and balanced curriculum and our enrichment activities support the promotion of British values by enabling children to gain knowledge, understanding and skills of:**

### **Democracy**

- Engage in democratic systems in the Academy
- Know about British system of government
- Know about other systems of government
- Respect democracy
- Understand how citizens vote and how the electoral system creates legitimate governments
- Understand how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- Support participation in the democratic processes
- Understand that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary
- Understand that some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through Parliament
- Understand why some public bodies such as the courts maintain independence
- Have a broad general knowledge of public institutions and services in England
- Respect public institutions and services in England

### **Rule of Law**

- Know and understand the basis for the Academy's rules
- Comply with the need to support and follow the Academy's rules
- Know difference between right and wrong
- Appreciate that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety
- Respect the civil and criminal law of England
- Respect the basis on which the law is made and applied in England
- Understand that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- Understand that other people with different characteristics are equal and their differences are protected under law

**Individual liberty**

- Have self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- Accept responsibility for their own behaviour
- Show initiative
- Understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the Academy and to society more widely
- Make a positive contribution to the Academy community
- Make a positive contribution to the local community
- Support charitable works

**Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**

- Show respect and tolerance to other children and adults in the Academy
- Respect other peoples' cultures
- Respect their own cultures
- Understand the importance of identifying and combating discrimination
- Accept that other people have different faiths or beliefs
- Are not prejudiced or discriminatory