



### Democracy

Pupil voice is significant at Smith's Wood. Our pupil elected SWAG (Smith's Wood Academic Government) plays a strong role in our school. They are elected by their class peers and are involved in making our school a better place to learn. Children have a great amount of input in regards to what and how they learn, which promotes pupil voice. Annually we hold our Science fair, where each class displays their learning for that half term and pupils are invited to vote for their favourite. Year 6 pupils learn about the democratic UK government and the role that we play in electing MPs. Pupil questionnaires and interviews are conducted by subject leads in all subjects throughout the year. The formation of SWAG and the encouraged active participation will give our pupils a wider understanding democracy in the future.

### Tolerance of faiths and beliefs

Differences between people such as differences of faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality and differences of family situations are discussed through the PSHE programmes taught in school. At Smith's Wood we provide opportunities for the children to visit places of significant cultural interest, places of worship and we actively encourage visitors from a range of communities and organisations into school.

We will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British values, including 'extremist' views.



### The Rule of Law

Our children will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, their neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to.

This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum. The involvement of our pupils in the creation of the school rules helps them to understand the reasons behind them and the consequences if they are broken. Through our P.S.H.E., we allow opportunity to debate and discuss the reasons for laws so that children can recognise the importance of these for their own protection. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including police, the fire service and the NSPCC. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the rule of law for our pupils.

### Mutual respect

Mutual respect underpins everything that we do at Smith's Wood. Children learn to treat each other and staff with great respect. This is evident when walking around the school and in the classrooms. Pupils use their manners without need for encouragement and display our school values of respect, friendship and honesty consistently. Our pupils and staff form fantastic relationships and this helps to foster a mutual respect for all members of our school.

### Individual Liberty

At Smith's Wood we invest a great deal of time in creating a positive culture. Children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged. In lessons, learning tasks are sometimes left for the child to decide upon. We encourage children to choose the task that will challenge them, giving them more freedom to determine their own learning. We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests. Through our E-Safety and P.S.H.E., we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising how to exercise these freedoms safely. We believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.