




# CITIZENSHIP POLICY

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*“What you are is God’s gift  
to you, what you become  
is your gift to God”*

Hesketh-with-Beaconsall All Saints Church of England Primary School will play its part in helping all learners to understand about the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United Kingdom. The curriculum, teaching and learning will fit them for life in England where the population has an increasingly rich diversity of backgrounds, origins, beliefs and cultures. We will help all to become good citizens of our nation.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To help all develop an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United Kingdom as a constitutional monarchy.
2. To ensure that all learn about our system and institutions of government and local government.
3. To ensure that all learn about our democratic institutions and the laws that underwrite our nation and provide all with freedom, justice and equality.
4. To help learners understand and value the rich diversity that other citizens from different cultures, religions and backgrounds bring to our national society.
5. To help all learn about our nation's history, culture, traditions and its' developing and changing nature.
6. To help learners learn to take a pride in their national identity. To love and respect the Queen and country and to be loyal and patriotic.
7. To ensure that pupils understand that within British society all must be treated with kindness and respect including those of different sexual orientation, those with SEN/D and those of different religious, racial or cultural backgrounds.

## **STRATEGIES**

1. The school will teach about citizenship by developing its teaching, learning and curriculum to help children all to understand their national identity through history, geography, English, sport and games, personal and social education and religious education,
2. This school will teach children about our parliamentary democracy and its key institutions.
3. Learners will be taught about democracy and universal suffrage and the duty of citizens to participate and influence the outcomes.
4. We will develop the skills of participation and responsible action necessary for living together as citizens of England within the United Kingdom.
5. We will promote equity and excellence to ensure equal opportunities for all to succeed and do well.
6. We will provide good opportunities in teaching and learning and in other aspects of the school's life for pupils to participate and develop the important knowledge, skills and understanding that they will need to be good citizens.
7. We will teach learners the geography and history of our nation and they will learn about the people and the events of the past that have helped to shape our nation.
8. Pupils will learn about the democratic structures of our national government and we will promote civic pride by helping them learn and understand about local government.
9. They will learn about the Queen and the role of the monarchy, the flags, arms and symbols of our nation.
10. We will teach the importance of duty, loyalty and patriotism.

## **OUTCOMES**

Through our work and partnerships, pupils will gain a good understanding of the privileges, rights, responsibilities and duties of citizenship. We will equip young people with the knowledge, skills and understanding to make a positive contribution to our local and national community. We will develop responsible young citizens who support community cohesion. This policy will make a key contribution to the school's positive ethos.

The Headteacher and Governing Body will assess the impact of this policy and monitor its operation. It should be viewed in conjunction with the school's other policies especially the:

- Single Equalities Policy
- Race and Equality Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Fundamental British Values Policy
- PREVENT Policy