



**LEWESTON**

P R E P

## **LEWESTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

### **ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE POLICY**

#### **Introduction**

At Leweston Preparatory School, staff, parents and pupils work together to create a happy, caring learning environment, which truly reflects the Christian beliefs and ethos of the Foundation.

The English as an Additional Language Policy provides equality of access and opportunity to all in a spirit of Christian love, with understanding and acceptance of individual differences and respect for all persons. The guiding principle for all aspects of school life is to treat others as we ourselves would wish to be treated. This embraces the understanding that everyone has responsibilities, rights and deserves respect.

This policy meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). All members of staff have been given access to this policy as part of their induction and it has been explained to and is accessible to all parents. This is communicated to the EYFS parents during the Welcome Sessions.

#### **Language Policy**

This policy aims to promote the use of English by all language groups within the school and to assist with the integration of all new pupils. It is important that all pupils feel 'included' and can understand through use of a common language. EAL pupils may opt for extra tuition in the English language, following a course that includes an introduction to British life, customs and culture.

Leweston has much experience of teaching EAL and the Department is staffed by experienced, specialist teachers who work with the children on the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

All pupils should be using English as the only means of communication between the hours of 8am and 6pm; outside this time, they may speak in their own language, unless they are in the dormitory and it would exclude others if English were not spoken.