

# **SHAFTESBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

As individual governors we will:

- Support the aims and objectives of the school and safeguard the interests of the school and the pupils/students in the wider community
- Support and promote appropriate partnership and collaboration with other schools in Leicester City and with the Local Authority
- Work co-operatively with other governors in the best interest of the school, and attend meetings regularly
- Acknowledge that differences of opinion may arise in discussion of issues but when a majority decision of the governing body prevails, it should be accepted
- Make an impartial assessment of the available facts before taking a particular stance or view
- Take account of the views of parents, pupils, staff and interested parties
- Acknowledge that the day to day running of the school and implementation of plans and policies of the governing body is the responsibility of the Head teacher and senior managers of the school
- Understand that an individual governor has the right, only when the governing body have given their agreement to make statements or express opinions on behalf of the governors
- Not use the position of governor to benefit ourselves, other individuals or agencies
- Declare openly and immediately any conflict of interest arising from a matter before the governing body or from any other aspect of governorship
- Respect the confidentiality of those items of business which the governing body deems to be confidential
- Take or seek opportunities to enhance our effectiveness as a governor through participation in training and development programmes and increasing his/her own knowledge of the school
- have regard to our broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution. This will include the need to ensure public accountability for the actions of the governing body

## **Breach of this Code of Conduct**

If we believe this code has been breached, we will raise this issue with the Chair who will investigate; the governing body should only use suspension as a last resort after seeking to resolve any difficulties or disputes in more constructive ways;

## **Undertaking**

As a member of the Governing Body I will always have the well-being of the children and the reputation of the school at heart; I will do all I can to be an ambassador for the school, publicly supporting its aims, values and ethos; I will not say or do anything publicly that would embarrass the school, the Governing Body, the Headteacher or staff.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

PRINT NAME: .....

This code of conduct was agreed on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and will be reviewed on an annual basis.