## **Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary School**

## Statement of purpose:

At Shelford School we work together to safeguard our pupils and to enable them to attain the highest standards of academic achievement. We encourage them to be confident and successful within an orderly, secure and Christian environment and to make a positive contribution to the lives of others.

1.	To provide a caring, supportive and purposeful working environment such that each child may be:  * happy and confident * able to reach his/her full academic potential	2.	To build a school community based on fundamental principles of respect and consideration for:  * each other's feelings  *each other's property
3.	To expect a high standard of good behaviour such that each child develops:  * Honesty *self-discipline *sound moral judgement	4.	To provide a broad and balanced curriculum at all levels, ensuring the effective delivery of the National Curriculum in both foundation and core subjects
5.	To provide opportunities for creative development in a wide variety of activities.	6.	To encourage each child to explore and respond to their environment critically, sensitively and imaginatively.
7.	To offer instruction in the principles and practice of Christianity, whilst encouraging both understanding and tolerance of other religious beliefs and practices, so that we may commend the Christian faith to the children entrusted to our care, by how we live and what we say.	8.	To encourage regular communication between home and school about each child's academic and personal development and to ensure their continued success and wellbeing at school.
9.	To carefully record each child's academic progress so as to ensure a smooth transition within the school's classes and a positive transfer on to secondary education.	10.	To maintain a mutually supportive and lively staff team who share a broad area of expertise and experience which they continually review and extend.
11.	To secure sustainable leadership through careful management of workload so that staff can make positive, creative and energising contributions to the life of the school.	12.	To foster an understanding of the potential contribution that pupils can make through-out their lives for the benefits of others, wherever they are and whatever they do.