

**'The 7 principles of public life'** are a set of seven behaviour principles and values which apply to anyone who holds a position of public office – they are also known as the 'Nolan principles'.

The 7 principles are:

- Selflessness.
  - Integrity.
  - Objectivity.
- Accountability.
  - Openness.
  - Honesty.
- Leadership.

# The Seven Principles of Public Life

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## **Selflessness**

We, as staff at Greenacres Primary Academy should act solely in terms of the public interest.

## **Integrity**

We will avoid placing ourselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence us in their work. We should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for ourselves, our family, or our friends. We must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

## **Objectivity**

We will act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

## **Accountability**

We are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit ourselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

## **Openness**

We will act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

## **Honesty**

We will always be truthful.

## **Leadership**

We will always exhibit these principles in our own behaviour. We will actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.