



## BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Statement of Aims, Ethos and Values

#### At Beechwood we aim to:

- Provide an environment in which pupils feel happy, safe and valued as individuals;
- Help children to achieve their academic potential by adopting a curriculum which is sufficiently differentiated to cater for individual needs;
- Encourage a respect for and celebration of differences especially in relation to all protected characteristics;
- Develop a sense of community at local, national and international level;
- Cultivate a questioning, critical attitude, through which pupils are increasingly empowered to make informed choices;
- Nurture a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge and experience through a curriculum that stimulates curiosity, inspires wonder and motivates pupils to engage;
- Develop pupils' understanding of our society, their place within it and the values that underpin it;
- Help pupils develop healthy lifestyles.

We deliver our key aims through the development of a clear **ethos** with underlying **values**.

- There is a sense of community in which staff and pupils trust and respect each other and learn to co-operate with one another to the benefit of all.
- Quality teaching and learning are given high priority.
- There are high expectations of behaviour and a celebration of achievement.
- There is a high level of concern for the safety and wellbeing of members of the school community, linked with an understanding of how these are brought about.
- The views of pupils inform and influence school improvement.
- There is a visible celebration of diversity and frequent, first-hand engagement with the world beyond the immediate vicinity.
- Learning is made enjoyable, engaging and challenging through a curriculum which meets the needs and interests of learners.
- High status is given to the skills of enquiry, creativity and critical thinking, which are explicitly taught.
- There is continual striving for improvement and growth.

*(See our seven key principles poster that visually highlights our position as well as Beechwood Curriculum - Foundations and Key Principles.)*

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