



# Our Mission Statement

## ‘Creating visions of the future through today’s strong foundations’

**Our ethos, through our Mission Statement, underpins all that we do for the benefit of our children.**

### Our Aims:

We aim to create a secure, stimulating and caring environment where children can develop and thrive. A place where a feeling of self-worth is fostered and individuals can feel happy valued and confident.

It is our aim that each child reaches his or her full potential. We want every child to become the best that he or she can possibly be. We expect all members of our school's community to 'Choose Kind'.

We aim to offer the highest academic standards set within an exciting and innovative curriculum. We will endeavour to create, inspire and arouse a life-long passion for learning. As a staff, we will model ourselves as learners who are also hungry to discover, learn and improve. We will deliver lessons which use innovative and

trusted methods which will absorb and motivate our pupils. We regularly use our rich and beautiful outdoor environment as a means of presenting and accessing our curriculum.

We believe that we are preparing our pupils not just for their further schooling but for life beyond this. We regard a child's primary school years at Rivington as forming a foundation on which they will build their further education and future lives. We are always mindful that our children's experiences during their early years at Rivington will, in large, shape the adults that they will become.

Therefore, during their time with us, we aim to offer a curriculum that is broad, rich and balanced - one which shapes the 'whole child'.

We are a 'kind' school and we are welcoming to all.





The most important school rule, and one that is followed by the whole school community, is: 'Choose Kind'.

Our aims and ethos actively promote the rule of law, democracy, mutual respect, individual liberty and the tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. These are the British values that we cherish and the ones which will enable our children to live in Modern Britain.

All at Rivington promote an ethos of encouragement, kindness and understanding so that strengths are developed and weaknesses are identified and supported. As a result all are challenged and never inhibited.

Parents know that their children will be cared for and experience the best educational standards.

Through hard work, the best efforts of their teachers, the support of their parents and the encouragement of their peers we expect all pupils to make significant progress and experience success.





# Our Values

## **KINDNESS:**

Pupils at Rivington are expected to be kind: to be kind to all around them and to look out for one another – to be good friends with everyone. We expect pupils to always be watchful of those who may need help and encouragement and of those who may just need someone to listen to them. Pupils at Rivington don't just tolerate but they embrace and celebrate one another including their beliefs, faith and cultures.

## **HONESTY:**

Honesty and integrity are at the heart of everything that Rivington Foundation Primary stands for. We expect our pupils to be truthful and to understand the rule of law.

## **RESPECT:**

We inspire all at Rivington to respect each other, their school environment, our wider community and most importantly themselves. We expect them to respect the rights of others to hold different beliefs and views and we encourage an awareness of individual liberty.

## **PERSEVERANCE:**

At Rivington Foundation Primary we want our pupils to develop a

'growth mindset'; helping them to understand the importance of never 'giving up'. We want them to understand the need for perseverance. We want our pupils to understand that intelligence can be developed, we want them to seek out and embrace challenges; to 'keep going' when faced with setbacks. We want them to understand that effort and determination is the path way to success and mastery. We expect our pupils to listen and to learn from advice. We expect them to celebrate and learn from the success of others and as a result of all this to reach the highest levels of achievement possible; creating pride and confidence in their abilities.

## **FORGIVENESS:**

At Rivington pupils are encouraged to understand that we all make mistakes and to forgive the actions of others when they have made inappropriate choices. We help them to understand that it is often a difficult value to ask for and also to demonstrate! Those who seek forgiveness are supported by staff and encouraged to make amends, often selecting themselves how best to do this. Children understand that they have a choice in

how they act and are encouraged to 'make the right choice.'

**COURAGE:**

At Rivington we encourage children to be brave and to stand up to their fears and challenges. We want our children to have the courage of one's convictions; to stand up for themselves when they know something is challenging. We promote the ability to control your fear in a difficult situation; to discover strength in the face of challenge. We aim to equip our pupils to lead by example; to be prepared to stand out from the crowd; to be the first to respond to someone in need; to stand up for what they believe to be right; to risk making an unpopular decision, if they believe it to be for the greater good; to earn the trust and respect of others.

