



## Benington C of E Primary School

### SCHOOL VALUES

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### 1 BELIEFS

We believe:

- that the school should be a safe, secure, caring and happy community.
- respect for ourselves and others, property and places should be encouraged.
- in building self esteem and encouraging confidence in all members of the school community.
- that it is important that we work together for the benefit of all.
- that everyone has a valuable contribution to make.
- that fostering independence and individuality is important.
- that everyone has equal rights regardless of race, religion, gender or ability.
- tolerance of other peoples' viewpoints must be encouraged.
- in celebrating achievement in everyone.
- that everyone should feel they have support - someone will and does listen.
- that the outside knowledge, experiences and values children bring with them into school must be recognised.
- that the school should be an attractive environment.
- in, and actively encourage a partnership with parents.
- that children learn best in a loving and caring environment and should not feel afraid.
- that children must be given the opportunity to practice and develop skills. They must be given time to enjoy their successes.

*This list is not in any order of importance.*

Parents are expected to work toward the school's aims and values by

- ensuring that children attend school in good health, regularly and punctually
- providing support for the discipline within the school and for the teacher's role
- being realistic about their children's abilities and offering encouragement and praise
- participating in discussions concerning their child's progress and attainments
- ensuring early contact with school to discuss matters which affect a child's happiness, progress and behaviour
- giving due importance to homework, hearing reading and assisting in learning of tables and spellings
- allowing their children to take increasing responsibility as they progress through the school.

## **2 AIMS AND VALUES**

Our aims and values are at the heart of our work. Staff, parents, governors and the children contributed. We put in a great deal of thought and discussion and have tried to make them a reflection of the ethos of the school.

We work hard to help each child realise her/his maximum potential both educationally and socially within a secure caring community. We believe in giving consideration to how others feel. We hope that parents will understand and respect our aims and values and work with us in implementing them.

## **3 SCHOOL AIMS**

We are dedicated to making this school a caring, friendly place where we all feel valued and secure. We aim to promote:

- Independence
- Personal achievement
- High academic standards
- Co-operation
- Happy experiences
- Individuality
- Respect for others
- Self-esteem

Any form of bullying is unacceptable.

## **4 CURRICULUM AIMS**

We help and encourage each child through the National Curriculum and in other ways to:

- Speak, read and write with purpose, understanding and enjoyment.
- To use number and other mathematical knowledge and skills confidently.
- To develop an enquiring approach through scientific investigation.
- To develop a knowledge of historical and geographical influences both locally and in the wider world.
- To develop problem solving skills through the use of Technology and the confident use of computers.
- Be healthy and physically active.
- Explore their creativity through active participation in music, art dance and drama and to develop and appreciate the work of others.
- To explore the beliefs and traditions of Christianity and other religions and cultures.
- To look forward to new challenges with confidence.

## **5 UNIFORM**

- It is our policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school events outside normal school hours.
- We believe that wearing a uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, identifies students of the school and engenders a sense of community and belonging and promotes equality amongst the students in terms of appearance.
- It is the parents' and students' responsibility to arrive at school correctly dressed and ready for their school work.
- Benington School colours are navy blue and white. A detailed uniform list is available on our website or from the office, together with details of where our uniform can be purchased. All clothes and shoes should be clearly named. For P.E. activities all children should have a PE kit, made up of navy shorts, and white T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers, which should be kept in a suitable, named bag.
- No jewellery (except watches), nail varnish or make up should be worn in school. If children have pierced ears, only plain studs (not rings) are acceptable and they need to be removed for P.E. or covered with tape. No hair gel, hair colours or braids should be worn and long hair should be tied back, in the interests of health and safety, using ribbons etc in school colours. Hair styles should not be extreme in appearance nor of an outrageous fashion or design.