



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL

Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

Our Vision

Our school's vision is underpinned by the motto:

Achieve

Believe

Create

... and fly high ...

At Dodford First School we want the children to **ACHIEVE** academically and socially. The curriculum will provide them with opportunities to be challenged to achieve their potential. It will be differentiated accordingly so that each child achieves at their level.

We want ALL children to **BELIEVE**. Believe in themselves. Accept challenge. Become resilient when difficulties arise. Understand that mistakes help them learn. Keep trying even when it's hard.

We want to **CREATE** individuals who are good citizens, creative individuals who express themselves verbally and in their work. We want our curriculum to be creative, challenge the children and enable individual responses.

And most importantly we believe that if we have provided these things for our children then they will achieve now and in their future education and lives **... and fly high.**

OUR SCHOOL VISION:

We, at Dodford First School will offer an inspiring, caring and inclusive learning community where each and every day all members of the school community will strive to make a positive difference to the learning journeys of the pupils. We want to encourage our pupils to become resilient, independent, courageous, collaborative learners and respectful, honest and tolerant individuals. We believe that our curriculum and our ethos help to shape the pupils to become the best individuals they can be and the type of adults we want our children to become in the future.

OUR SCHOOL AIMS.

At Dodford First School we aim to:

- Provide a happy, safe and secure environment in which our children will find excitement and stimulation, enabling them to grow as enthusiastic, thoughtful and tolerant individuals
- Provide challenges, opportunities and resources to enable all children to acquire knowledge and skills, both academic and social and allow each individual to maximise their potential
- Build confidence and self-esteem, encourage self-discipline, self-evaluation and independence with the aim of providing a life-long love of learning
- Work in partnership with parents and governors to support the education and development of all our children
- Work together as members of a community where everyone feels valued
- Encourage children to celebrate the diversity in our society, environment and the wider world

OUR SCHOOL ETHOS:

Our school ethos is embedded through our motto and is lived every day by both the staff and the children at Dodford First School. Our policies, our curriculum, our school prayer, our school rules and school conduct all underpin our expectations and beliefs and are displayed around the school and shared with the whole school community.

Dodford First School Values Statement

Our vision for all of our pupils encompasses our key school values which are:

Resilience

Courage

Diversity

Respect

Independence

Collaboration

Honesty

Within those values we emphasise with the children the key characteristics through using our Health and Wellbeing character. Each NED statement is intricately connected to our values:

N – Never Give Up, **RESILIENCE COURAGE INDEPENDENCE**

E – Encourage others **DIVERSITY RESPECT COLLABORATION**

D _ Do your best **INDEPENDENCE, COLLABORATION, HONESTY**

We use a set of statements which the children relate to across our school to underpin our values. These are called the **Super Seven**.

I like to challenge myself - **RESILIENCE, COURAGE**

I can learn anything I want to - **INDEPENDENCE, COURAGE**

I keep trying even when it's hard – **RESILIENCE**

I learn from others - **RESPECT, COLLABORATION, HONESTY, DIVERSITY**

Mistakes help me learn – **RESILIENCE, COURAGE**

If I try, I can succeed – **COURAGE, RESILIENCE, INDEPENDENCE**

I can always improve - **HONESTY, COURAGE, RESILIENCE**