

Ethos and Values Statement - Merrydale Junior School

At Merrydale Junior School, nestled in the city of Leicester we are dedicated to fostering a nurturing environment where every child feels a sense of belonging, is encouraged to aspire to greatness, and is supported to achieve excellence in all aspects of their learning journey.

Our Vision:

Merrydale Junior School stands as a beacon of educational excellence, where each child is valued, nurtured, and empowered to reach their full potential. We strive to serve our diverse community while creating an environment where every individual is respected, supported, and inspired to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our Values:

- **Belonging:** We believe in creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere where every child feels valued, respected, and supported in their unique journey.
- **Excellence:** We are committed to providing a high-quality education that equips our students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to excel in all areas of their lives.
- **Aspiration:** We instill in our students a drive to dream big, set ambitious goals, and work diligently towards achieving them.
- **Respect:** We believe that every child has the right to have their voice heard and their beliefs and ideas to be respected.

Our Approach to Education:

At Merrydale Junior School, we take pride in our average-sized school community, currently accommodating 362 children across 12 classes. With a dedicated team of 13 classroom-based teachers, a non-teaching Deputy, and a non-teaching SENDCo, we ensure that every child's individual needs are met. Additionally, our pastoral team, comprising a Family Link and Attendance Officer, Pastoral Officer, and ELSA, provides essential support for the emotional well-being of our students.

We have meticulously crafted a Big Picture Curriculum that outlines our educational goals, strategies, and expected outcomes clearly to all stakeholders. Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to cater to the diverse needs of our students, ensuring that each child receives a rich and engaging learning experience. Through a carefully planned journey of learning, we aim to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to navigate the complexities of the world around them.

At Merrydale, we value the unique experiences and backgrounds of our students, using their past learning to inform and enrich our curriculum. We are dedicated to providing an ambitious, coherent educational experience that fosters deep learning and critical thinking, preparing our students for a successful future.

In essence, Merrydale Junior School is a place where every child is encouraged to thrive, explore their potential, and embrace a culture of learning, respect, and achievement.

