

Moorlands Primary School: Values and Ethos



Values and Philosophy for Children are fundamental at Moorlands Primary School. Pupils are taught how to question, reason and justify their opinions. The core values of PEACE, CO-OPERATION, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, EQUALITY AND PERSEVERANCE are interwoven in all aspects of school life.

Moorlands Primary School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or persuasion by those wishing to impose bias.

The school accepts admissions from all those entitled to an education; including pupils of all faiths or none. It follows the recommended policies on diversity and equal opportunities, which guarantee that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group.

In June 2022 Moorlands Primary School achieved the Values- Based Education Quality Mark

The assessor commented:

From the first moment I arrived at Moorlands it was clear that wellbeing is at the core of this caring school community. Everything that can be done to support the families is done. It truly is a very nurturing school. On greeting parents and children at the gate as they arrived Laura, the Deputy Head, showed great care and sensitivity; all parents were treated with respect, and I saw warmth and connection in the relationships. Parents are very appreciative of this and fully supportive of the focus on the whole child, rather than just the academic side of education. They also say that relationships are very positive and that there is excellent communication between the school and families.

On the day of my visit the school had just heard that they have been successful in their bid for a bursary to be trained and as a Peacemaker School. This is a West Midlands initiative which teaches a programme of 'Core ideas of Education for Peace which are presented through 5 themes – Inner Peace, Peaceful Choices, Peaceful Actions and Behaviours; Peaceful Relationships and Peaceful Communities.' This will further embed the Values which form the heart of the school ethos.

I absolutely agree that the 'nurturing' aspect of Moorlands is an outstanding feature of the ethos. It is an exceptionally sensitive and caring school. I look forward to hearing the results of the consultation to find a new tag line to describe the essence of Moorlands Primary School.

I am also looking forward to hearing about the Peacemakers programme and how that impacts on the school. The positive, and mutually supportive, relationships throughout the community are also a great strength of Moorlands.

Values are the thread that weaves through every aspect of the school. They are strongly embedded and modelled by all.

Role modelling is another outstanding feature of the school. There is so much to celebrate here.