

# GATEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THE AIMS OF OUR SCHOOL

The Aims, which we have established for our school, are very important to us. Aims give all school users a shared sense of direction and purpose, and enable all school and school-related activities to have common goals. Our Aims are divided into 3 groups:

- Our Aims for *Ethos*;
- Our Aims for the *Curriculum*; and
- Our Aims to allow *fostering and development of relations with Parents and the Community*.

### **ETHOS:**

At Gatehouse school we aim:

- to provide a rich and stimulating environment, conducive to effective learning and teaching, that is caring, secure and supportive, and which recognises the individual needs of all pupils;
- to encourage pupils to understand the meaning of self-discipline, responsibility towards each other and respect for their property and the environment in general;
- to encourage children to develop and maintain positive attitudes towards good work and behaviour;
- to create an environment for the pupils in which they can take pride;
- to provide a positive and supportive environment for staff in which opportunities for professional development exist and can take place.

### **THE CURRICULUM**

We aim to provide for the pupils:

- a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and understanding in literacy and communication, numeracy and mathematical thinking, and opportunities for continual development;
- knowledge, understanding and appreciation of themselves, and other people, and of the world around them;
- a shared responsibility for their own learning;
- the capacity to make creative and practical use of a variety of media to express feelings and ideas;
- knowledge and understanding of religion and its role in shaping society, and the development of personal and social values;
- the capacity for independent thought through enquiry, problem-solving, information handling and reasoning;
- appreciation of the benefits of healthy living and physical fitness;

- positive attitudes to learning, personal creativity and ambition, and to establish these as life-long attributes.
- access to, and support from, other agencies, as appropriate.

## **PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY**

We aim:

- to recognise and share the responsibility with parents for the education, behaviour and overall welfare of their children;
- to be welcoming to parents and families at all times;
- to develop effective communication and partnerships between, and among, the home, school and other agencies;
- to encourage parents to feel part of daily school life and to be involved in extra-curricular activities;
- to raise the profile of the school within the community, and to enhance the role of children within their neighbourhood and wider society;
- to use expertise and knowledge of members of the community to support curriculum work;
- to develop mutually supportive attitudes with the community.

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