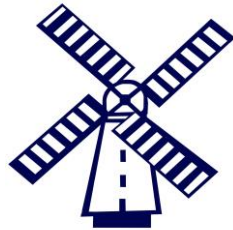


# Values at Widmer End Combined School



**What is created in our schools today can provide a glimpse of how our world can be tomorrow.**

## **What the pupils and students say:**

*It makes me feel safe: you always feel someone will be there for you. It gives you something to lean back on and remember forever.*

*Values Education has given me something that I can take with me through my life.*

*It's sometimes hard to live with the values but I bother because it helps me as I work.*

*It has taught me certain words to use to explain how I feel and what I am thinking.*

## **What the parents say:**

*It makes parents think about their own values and about what they are communicating to their children.*

*We particularly enjoy how it has developed their ability to communicate about their emotions and what they feel about the world.*

## **What the staff say:**

*Values education opens up a pathway to further discussion and provides a means for children to talk in depth about feelings and the world they live in.*

*It gives a consistent approach to moral education. It creates a team spirit and is successful because of this.*

### ***Why are we using Values based Education in our school?***

We want to create the climate for a happy and successful school. We believe that positive values should underpin our curriculum and all of school life.

### ***What are values?***

Values are the principles that guide our thinking and behaviour. We have six core values: Unity, Trust, Courage, Curiosity, Happiness and Respect. These values were chosen by the School Council and discussed at a Parent workshop.



### ***How do they guide school life? They are:***

- ★ A framework for developing positive attitudes to learning and achieving high outcomes.
- ★ A process for nurturing well being.
- ★ A focus for promoting good citizenship.

### ***How does this approach work?***

- ★ Together, staff and learners establish core values.
- ★ The values are woven into assemblies and the curriculum.
- ★ Everyone discusses and works to enact these values.

### ***What will I notice?***

#### **Many parents notice the school develops:**

- ★ A calm and productive atmosphere
- ★ Improved behaviour
- ★ Improved relationships

#### **Many parents notice that over time their children become:**

- ★ Better able to concentrate
- ★ More positive about learning
- ★ More confident and willing to challenge themselves

### ***How can I get involved?***

- ★ Newsletters each half term will keep you informed about values-related work happening in school and ideas for extending this at home.
- ★ Invitations to shared school assembly times.
- ★ Talk together about what the values mean to your family.
- ★ Nominate your child for a Values Champion award.